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OBSERVATIONS (Regional and Statewide)

Consumer and Case Counts

- At the end of the 2nd Quarter of FY'2009, DCF had 25,866 open cases (1,807 adoption cases and 24,059 clinical cases). A total of 86,371 consumers¹ (41,187 adults and 45,184 children) were being served. Case counts ranged from 3,308 in the Boston Region to 5,409 in the Southeastern Region. (**Table 1** on page 7)
- From the 1st Quarter to the 2nd Quarter of FY'2009, consumer counts increased 2% and case counts rose 1%. The consumer population typically drops in the summer quarter (Q1) then rises and levels off during the school quarters (Q2-Q4). This seasonal pattern is related to the rise and fall of child abuse and neglect reports and investigations throughout the year. (**Figs. 1 and 2** on page 8, **Figs. 20 and 21** on page 55)
- The number of children less than 18 years old in placement continues to decline (see table below). There was a 3% drop in this placement group from the 1st Quarter to the 2nd Quarter of FY'2009. The highest number of children less than 18 years old in placement was recorded in 1995 (13,302, see below).
- The 87,176 consumers in the 4th quarter of FY'2008 was the highest count recorded in the past 26 years (see table below). This peak value can be attributed to: a prolonged growth in the numbers of adults 18 years or older, and youth 18 years or older in placement; and a more recent surge in children not in placement.

Month/Year	All Consumers	All Children <18 yrs	Children in Placement <18 yrs	Month/Year	All Consumers	All Children <18 yrs	Children in Placement <18 yrs
6/1983	61,786	33,516	NA	6/1997	74,921	43,570	12,193
6/1984	73,111	38,683	7,024	1/1998	70,092	40,574	11,227
6/1985	75,935	40,628	7,779	9/1998	68,331	38,507	10,872
6/1986	74,769	40,511	8,041	6/1999	69,494	39,144	10,134
6/1987	66,033	37,497	8,075	6/2000	72,423	40,691	9,676
6/1988	67,658	38,792	8,661	6/2001	73,116	40,069	9,955
6/1989	70,052	40,497	9,544	6/2002	70,688	38,442	10,033
6/1990	80,090	46,403	10,998	6/2003	75,247	40,341	10,233
6/1991	81,975	47,922	12,392	6/2004	77,368*	42,023*	9,967*
6/1992	72,128	42,367	12,379	6/2005	77,305*	41,773*	9,709*
6/1993	72,340	42,656	12,763	6/2006	78,014*	41,690*	9,459*
6/1994	72,879	43,074	13,194	6/2007	78,535*	41,550*	9,109*
6/1995	73,032	42,997	13,302	6/2008	87,176	45,730	9,281
6/1996	72,638	42,551	12,736	9/2008	85,056	44,528	8,963
				12/2008	86,371	45,184	8,729

* revised counts

Source: ASSIST (6/1983-1/1998) and FamilyNet (9/1998-12/2008)

¹ Total consumers include all individuals with an active case status on the last day of the quarter and were in a case with an assessment for services or a service plan. These selection criteria exclude consumers not in placement who have an active case status that is pending the outcome of an investigation.

Consumers in Placement

- There were 10,356 individuals in placement on the last day of the 2nd Quarter of FY'2009. Included in this count are 8,729 children (less than 18 years old) and 1,627 young adults (18 to 23 years old). (**Table 1**)
- The placement population was distributed across DCF service regions as follows: 21% in the Western Region, 19% in the Southeastern Region, 17% in the Northeastern Region, 15% in the Central Region, 13% in the Metro Region, and 13% in the Boston Region. (**Table 1**)
- Statewide, 19% (or 8,729) of all children (less than 18 years old) with open cases were in placement. The regional statistics for children in placement as a proportion of all children receiving services were: 20% in the West, 20% in Central, 20% in Metro, 18% in the Southeast, 18% in the Northeast, and 18% in Boston. (**Table 2** on page 9)
- Of all children less than 18 years old receiving services, the Pittsfield, Greenfield, Coastal, and Fall River Area Offices had the highest proportions in placement. The lowest proportions of children in placement were found at the Plymouth, Van Wart, Harbor, Malden, and Brockton Area Offices. (**Table 2**)
- From the 1st Quarter to the 2nd Quarter of FY'2009, the number of children in placement dropped 3% statewide. Regional declines ranged from -1% in both Boston and Central to -5% in both Metro and the Northeast. In the past, decreases in quarterly counts of children in placement occurred most often in the 1st and 4th quarters. (**Fig. 3** on page 10)

Children Not in Placement

- At the end of the 2nd Quarter of FY'2009, there were 36,455 children less than 18 years old with an active case status who were not in placement. From the 1st Quarter to the 2nd Quarter of FY'2009, counts of children not in placement increased 3% statewide. Regional increases ranged from 1% in the Northeast to 4% in the West. Quarterly counts of children not in placement display a fluctuating pattern with a distinct drop during the first quarter (summer vacation). (**Fig. 4** on page 10)

Age, Sex, Race, Hispanic Origin and Preferred Language of Consumers

- On the last day of the 2nd Quarter of FY'2009, the consumer population included 45,184 (52%) children less than 18 years old and 41,187 (48%) adults 18 years or older. Fifty-two percent of all consumers were identified as female, 47% as male, and 1% were unspecified as of the run-date. Thirty-six percent (16,079) of all children were adolescents (12 to 17 years old). (**Table 1, Fig. 5** on page 11)

- Forty-eight percent of all children receiving DCF services were female. In contrast, 56% of all adults receiving services were female. **(Fig. 5)**
- The statewide caseload was comprised of 56% White, 16% Black, 2% Asian, 3% Multi-Racial, and less than 1% Native American consumers. The category “Unable to Determine” was recorded for 15% of consumers. Selection of “Unable to Determine” for race often coincides with self-identification as Hispanic/Latino. Race was not recorded (missing) for 9% of consumers. **(Table 3A on page 12, Figs. 6A and 6B on page 13)**
- Of the total consumer population, 25% (21,161 consumers) were of Hispanic origin. Regionally, the highest proportions (and numbers) of Hispanic consumers were in the West and Northeast. Hispanic origin could not be determined for 4% of DCF consumers. Hispanic origin was not recorded (missing) for 13% of DCF consumers. **(Table 3B on page 12, Figs. 6C and 6D on page 14)**
- The Boston Region’s caseload was comprised of 46% Black and 21% White consumers (5,079 and 2,365 consumers, respectively). Asians were most prominent in the Northeast--6% of the caseload (897 consumers, mainly Cambodian). **(Table 3A, Figs. 6A and 6B)**
- The West, Northeast, Central, and Boston Regions had the highest numbers (and proportions) of consumers who were Hispanic/Latino and whose race could not be determined. **(Figs. 3A and 3B)**

- A racial comparison of children receiving various services from DCF to children residing in Massachusetts is displayed in the Table A. Black children and Hispanic children are over-represented at all stages in the DCF system. However, the actual extent of racial and ethnic disproportionality is not known given the number of children whose race and/or ethnicity has not been recorded. Additionally, this comparison of statewide statistics does not take into consideration the significant differences in racial and ethnic composition among communities across the state.

Table A.		Children Less than 18 Years Old							
Race	State Census² 2000	DCF Not in Substitute Care 12/31/08	DCF All in Substitute Care* 12/31/08	DCF Foster Care 12/31/08	DCF Congregate Care** 12/31/08	DCF All Care w/Goal of Adoption 12/31/08	DCF All Care w/Goal of Guardianship 12/31/08	DCF Adoptions Legalized FY'2008	DCF Guardianships Legalized FY'2008
White	79%	56%	58%	58%	60%	60%	58%	62%	61%
Black	7%	17%	19%	18%	22%	17%	20%	15%	17%
Asian	4%	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	<1%	2%
Native American	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	1%	<1%	----
Pacific Islander	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	----	----	----	----	----
Multi-Racial	4%	4%	5%	6%	4%	8%	4%	8%	5%
Other/Unknown	6%	21%	15%	15%	13%	14%	16%	14%	15%
TOTAL %	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
TOTAL #	1,500,064	36,455	8,729	6,559	1,774	2,372	545	780	543
Hispanic Origin ³ Yes	11%	30%	26%	26%	23%	24%	28%	27%	25%
Hispanic Origin No	89%	63%	69%	68%	74%	68%	67%	66%	72%
Hispanic Origin Unknown	----	7%	5%	6%	3%	7%	5%	7%	3%
TOTAL %	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

NOTE: The summation of relative percentages may not be equal to 100% due to rounding-off.

*Substitute Care includes: foster care, congregate care, on the run from placement, and non-referral locations such as hospitals, nursing homes, and other state agencies. Despite placement with other state agencies, DCF retains custody of the child. **Congregate Care includes: group home, residential, and short-term residential placement.

- Table B on the following page displays the racial (and Hispanic origin) composition of children residing in the 11 largest cities in Massachusetts. There is a high minority representation in Boston, Springfield, and to a lesser degree, Brockton and Cambridge. Hispanic children are most prevalent in Springfield, and they are a notable presence in Lynn, Worcester, Boston, and Lowell. The proportion of Asian children is highest in Lowell and Quincy.

² U.S. Census Bureau, American Fact Finder (factfinder.census.gov), Decennial Census, Census 2000 Summary, File 1 (SF 1) 100-Percent Data, Detailed Tables (P12, P12A-H), Select Geography.

³ Children of any race who are Hispanic

Table B. Census 2000: Children less than 18 Years old residing in the 11 largest cities in Massachusetts⁴

Race	Boston	Worcester	Springfield	Lowell	Lynn	Brockton	New Bedford	Fall River	Cambridge	Quincy	Newton
White	32%	65%	41%	56%	54%	48%	70%	84%	52%	72%	85%
Black	40%	10%	26%	5%	14%	24%	6%	5%	24%	3%	2%
Asian	7%	6%	2%	23%	10%	3%	1%	4%	9%	21%	9%
Native American	1%	1%	<1%	<1%	1%	<1%	1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%
Pacific Islander	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	<1%	----	<1%
Multi- Racial	6%	6%	6%	6%	8%	12%	9%	4%	9%	3%	3%
Other/ Unknown	14%	12%	24%	9%	14%	14%	14%	3%	6%	1%	1%
TOTAL %	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
TOTAL #	116,559	40,727	44,027	28,341	24,051	26,254	23,327	22,179	13,447	15,381	17,811
Hispanic Origin ⁵ Yes	24%	26%	40%	21%	27%	12%	17%	7%	13%	3%	3%
TOTAL %	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%

NOTE: The summation of relative percentages may not be equal to 100% due to rounding-off.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Fact Finder (factfinder.census.gov), Decennial Census, Census 2000 Summary File 1 (SF 1) 100-Percent Data, Detailed Tables (P12, P12A-H), Select Geography.

⁴ Selection of cities was based on total population (adults and children).

⁵ Children of any race who are Hispanic

Preferred Language of Consumers

- The Western, Northeastern, and Boston Regions had the highest proportions (and numbers) of Spanish-speaking consumers, 7% (1,296 consumers), 8% (1,199), and 10% (1,050), respectively. Khmer (Cambodian) was the preferred language of 331 DCF consumers (<1%). Khmer-speaking consumers were mainly concentrated in the Northeast. Other languages and their regions of highest prevalence were Portuguese (Southeast and Metro), Haitian Creole (Metro and Boston), Vietnamese (Boston), Cape Verdean Creole (Boston and Southeast), Chinese (Metro), and Lao (Northeast). (**Table 4** on page 15)
- From 1987 to 1997, there were substantial increases in consumers whose preferred languages were Khmer, Lao, Haitian Creole, Vietnamese, and Spanish. In the following decade (1997-2007), there were declines in consumers from all of these language groups. Although there was a decline in consumers with these preferred /primary languages, there was not a decline in DCF consumers from these ethnic groups. As with all immigrant groups, their children become fluent in English. The new immigrant communities continue to grow, but as time passes those who are fluent in their native language make up a smaller proportion of their community. (See table below)
- From June 2007 to December 2008, there was a surge in the numbers of consumers in the following language groups: Spanish 13%, Portuguese 13%, Haitian Creole 25%, Cape Verdean Creole 36%, Chinese 46%, and Lao 115% (See table below). The large increases in some of the language groups may reflect a greater effort being made to identify and record the preferred language of these consumers. During this period, the count of total consumers increased 10% (mostly due to English-speaking consumers).

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Primary Language	Consumers Jul. 1987 No.	Consumers Jul. 1997 No.	Consumers Jun. 2007 No.	Consumers Dec. 2008 No.	1987-1997 Change %	1997-2007 Change %
English/Unspecified*	60,784	66,404	71,398	78,314	9%	8%
Spanish	3,664	6,334	4,516	5,125	73%	-29%
Khmer Cambodian	253	851	356	331	236%	-58%
Portuguese	530	380	303	341	-28%	-20%
Haitian Creole	175	360	260	325	106%	-28%
Vietnamese	146	273	167	161	87%	-39%
Cape Verdean Creole	174	247	146	199	42%	-41%
Chinese	71	61	54	79	-14%	-11%
American Sign Language	47	23	41	46	-51%	78%
Lao	30	74	20	43	147%	-73%
Other	213	310	1,459	1,407	46%	371%
Total	66,087	75,317	78,720	86,371	14%	5%

When a primary language was unspecified, it was presumed to be English.

TABLE 1. CASE AND CONSUMER COUNTS BY LOCATION AND DSS REGION: FY'2009, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/08)

Case Counts:	DCF Geographic Region						Adoption		Total
	West	Central	Northeast	Metro	Southeast	Boston	Contracts ⁽¹⁾	Other ⁽²⁾	
Adoption	365	273	265	235	339	178	151	1	1,807
Clinical	4,804	3,399	4,176	3,418	5,070	3,130	4	58	24,059
Total	5,169	3,672	4,441	3,653	5,409	3,308	155	59	25,866
Consumer Counts:									
Adults: ⁽³⁾									
In Placement: ⁽⁴⁾ Foster/Congregate Care ⁽⁵⁾	258	169	358	238	300	243	---	27	1,593
Other ⁽⁶⁾	2	1	5	1	2	10	---	---	21
On the Run	1	2	1	---	2	7	---	---	13
Total in Placement	261	172	364	239	304	260	---	27	1,627
Not in Placement	8,125	5,770	6,376	5,514	8,667	5,094	---	14	39,560
Total Adults	8,386	5,942	6,740	5,753	8,971	5,354	---	41	41,187
Children:									
In Placement: ⁽⁴⁾ Foster/Congregate Care ⁽⁵⁾	1,795	1,286	1,341	1,087	1,616	964	221	23	8,333
Other ⁽⁶⁾	34	31	51	22	26	39	1	---	204
On the Run	52	16	37	22	28	37	---	---	192
Total in Placement	1,881	1,333	1,429	1,131	1,670	1,040	222	23	8,729
Not in Placement	7,730	5,480	6,437	4,644	7,482	4,648	28	6	36,455
Total Children	9,611	6,813	7,866	5,775	9,152	5,688	250	29	45,184
Total	17,997	12,755	14,606	11,528	18,123	11,042	250	70	86,371

⁽¹⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

⁽²⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

⁽³⁾ Adults are consumers 18 years or older.

⁽⁴⁾ Children and young adults in the care/custody of DCF. "Adults" in Foster/Residential Care are being transitioned to the Departments of Mental Health (DMH) and Mental Retardation (DMR) or are supported by DCF until graduation from a full-time school or vocational training program (through age 23 for a Bachelor's Degree).

⁽⁵⁾ See Tables 5A, 5B, and 5C for a breakdown by type of placement.

⁽⁶⁾ "Other" includes locations such as hospitals and other state agencies.

FIGURE 1. CASE COUNT BY DCF REGION
(FY'2008, END OF 3RD QUARTER TO FY'2009, END OF 2ND QUARTER)

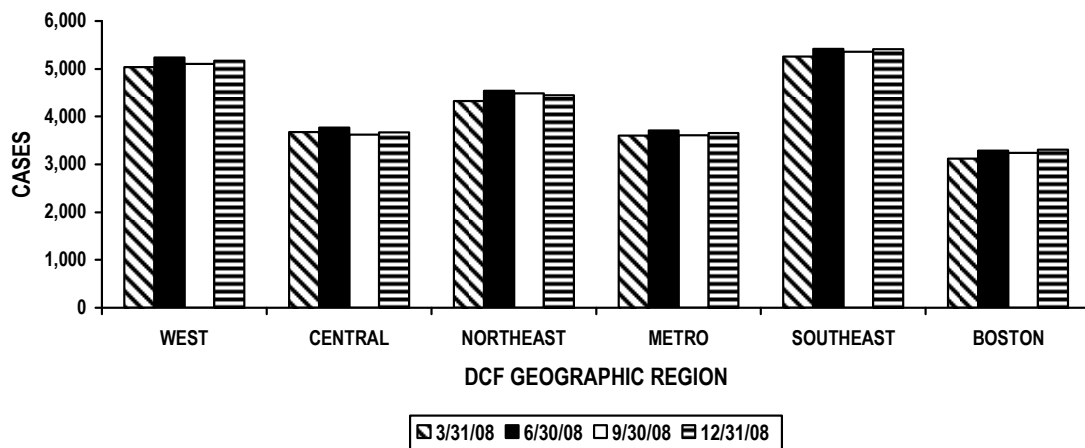


FIGURE 2. CONSUMER COUNT BY DCF REGION
(FY'2008, END OF 3RD QUARTER TO FY'2009, END OF 2ND QUARTER)

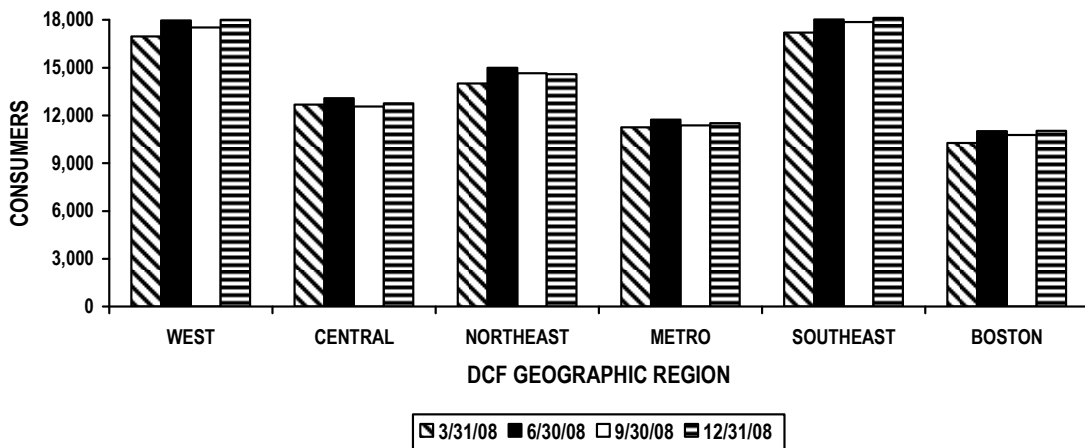
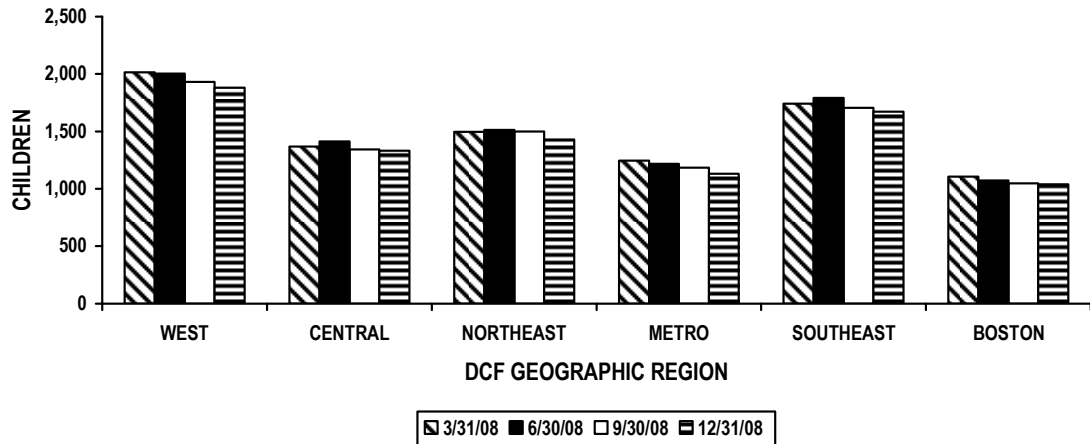


TABLE 2. CHILD⁽¹⁾ CASELOAD BY DCF AREA OFFICE: FY'2009, End of 2ND QUARTER 12/31/08)

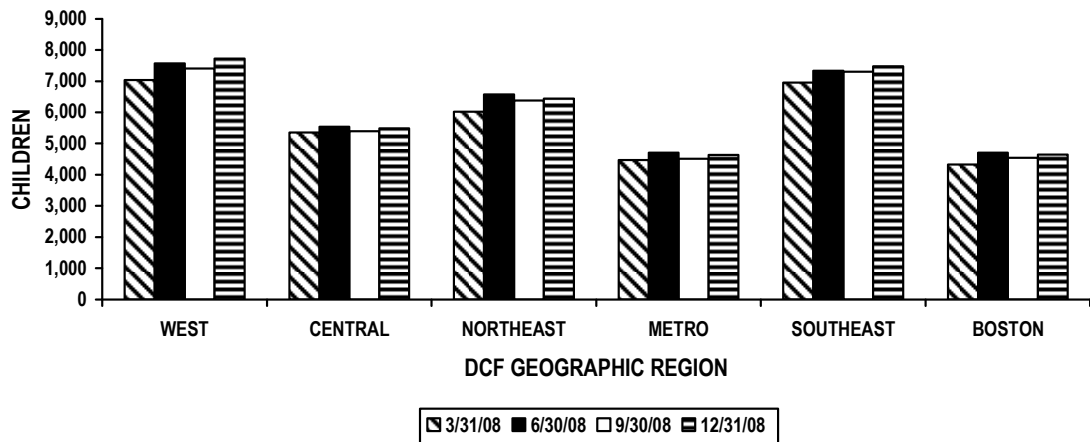
DCF Region/Area	Not in Placement	In Placement	Total Child Caseload	% in Placement
Greenfield	973	295	1,268	23%
Holyoke	1,618	383	2,001	19%
Pittsfield	973	380	1,353	28%
Robert Van Wart	2,171	352	2,523	14%
Springfield	1,980	466	2,446	19%
Contracted Agencies	15	5	15	33%
West	7,730	1,881	9,611	20%
North Central	1,577	337	1,914	18%
South Central	1,190	278	1,468	19%
Worcester East	1,522	400	1,922	21%
Worcester West	1,184	314	1,498	21%
Contracted Agencies	7	4	11	36%
Central	5,480	1,333	6,813	20%
Cape Ann	992	223	1,215	18%
Haverhill	956	229	1,185	19%
Lawrence	1,397	290	1,687	17%
Lowell	1,898	405	2,303	18%
Lynn	1,191	282	1,473	19%
Contracted Agencies	3	---	3	---
Northeast	6,437	1,429	7,866	18%
Arlington	839	228	1,067	21%
Cambridge	697	164	861	19%
Coastal	958	291	1,249	23%
Framingham	894	208	1,102	19%
Malden	1,246	234	1,480	16%
Contracted Agencies	10	6	16	38%
Metro	4,644	1,131	5,775	20%
Attleboro	975	215	1,190	18%
Brockton	1,418	277	1,695	16%
Cape Cod	897	203	1,100	18%
Fall River	1,181	341	1,522	22%
New Bedford	1,694	423	2,117	20%
Plymouth	1,301	207	1,508	14%
Contracted Agencies	16	4	20	20%
Southeast	7,482	1,670	9,152	18%
Dimock Street	893	231	1,124	21%
Harbor	1,297	226	1,523	15%
Hyde Park	888	242	1,130	21%
Park Street	1,570	339	1,909	18%
Contracted Agencies	---	2	2	100%
Boston	4,648	1,040	5,688	18%
Adoption Contracts ⁽²⁾	28	222	250	89%
Other ⁽³⁾	6	23	29	79%
Total	36,455	8,729	45,184	19%

⁽¹⁾ Children are less than 18 years old.⁽²⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.⁽³⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

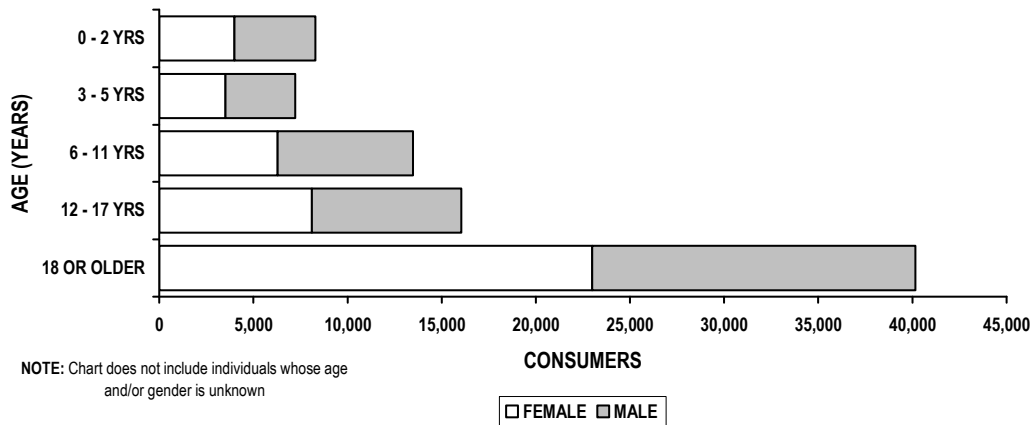
**FIGURE 3. CHILDREN IN PLACEMENT BY DCF REGION
(FY'2008, END OF 3RD QUARTER TO FY'2009, END OF 2ND QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 4. CHILDREN NOT IN PLACEMENT BY DCF REGION
(FY'2008, END OF 3RD QUARTER TO FY'2009, END OF 2ND QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 5. AGE AND SEX OF CONSUMERS: STATEWIDE
FY'2009, END OF 2ND QUARTER (12/31/08)**



Age (Yrs)	Sex			Total
	Female	Male	Unspecified ⁽¹⁾	
0 - 2	3,983	4,300	60	8,343
3 - 5	3,500	3,719	22	7,241
6 - 11	6,279	7,191	44	13,514
12 - 17	8,091	7,959	29	16,079
18 or older	22,987	17,170	561	40,718
Unspecified ⁽¹⁾	69	204	203	476
Total	44,909	40,543	919	86,371

⁽¹⁾ Unspecified includes 469 individuals with the role "Consumer Adult" and 7 individuals with the role "Consumer Child" whose ages were unknown and 919 consumers whose gender was not specified as of the run date.

TABLE 3A. RACE OF CONSUMERS BY DCF REGION: FY'2009, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/08)

Race	DCF Geographic Region												Adoption				Total	
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		Contracts ⁽¹⁾		Other ⁽²⁾			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
White	9,928	55%	8,176	64%	8,310	57%	6,920	60%	12,162	67%	2,365	21%	108	43%	7	10%	47,976	56%
Black	1,957	11%	1,077	8%	1,075	7%	1,927	17%	2,584	14%	5,079	46%	46	18%	46	66%	13,791	16%
Asian	81	*	145	1%	897	6%	256	2%	124	1%	260	2%	8	3%	15	21%	1,786	2%
Native American	16	*	30	*	27	*	16	*	63	*	10	*	1	*	---	---	163	*
Other ⁽³⁾	18	*	7	*	10	*	4	*	12	*	10	*	---	---	---	---	61	*
Multi-Racial	495	3%	405	3%	384	3%	253	2%	597	3%	165	1%	29	12%	---	---	2,328	3%
Unable to Determine	3,153	18%	2,021	16%	2,946	20%	1,103	10%	1,107	6%	2,296	21%	58	23%	2	3%	12,686	15%
Missing	2,349	13%	894	7%	957	7%	1,049	9%	1,474	8%	857	8%	---	---	---	---	7,580	9%
Total	17,997	100%	12,755	100%	14,606	100%	11,528	100%	18,123	100%	11,042	100%	250	100%	70	100%	86,371	100%

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

⁽¹⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

⁽²⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

⁽³⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

TABLE 3B. HISPANIC/LATINO ORIGIN OF CONSUMERS BY DCF REGION: FY'2009, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/08)

Origin	DCF Geographic Region												Adoption				Total	
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		Contracts ⁽²⁾		Other ⁽³⁾			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Hispanic/Latino ⁽¹⁾	5,606	31%	3,419	27%	4,795	33%	1,644	14%	2,214	12%	3,402	31%	71	28%	10	14%	21,161	25%
Not Hispanic/Latino	8,987	50%	7,621	60%	7,974	55%	7,503	65%	12,910	71%	5,970	54%	158	63%	52	74%	51,175	59%
Unable to Determine	768	4%	436	3%	475	3%	487	4%	606	3%	364	3%	21	8%	1	1%	3,158	4%
Missing	2,636	15%	1,279	10%	1,362	9%	1,894	16%	2,393	13%	1,306	12%	---	---	7	10%	10,877	13%
Total	17,997	100%	12,755	100%	14,606	100%	11,528	100%	18,123	100%	11,042	100%	250	100%	70	100%	86,371	100%

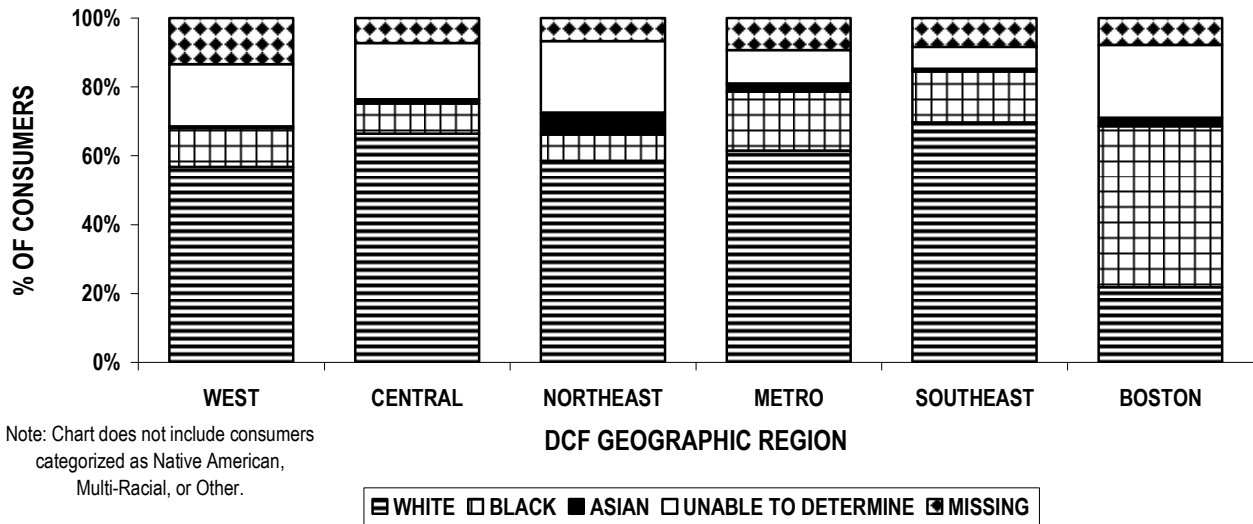
Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

⁽¹⁾ Consumers of any race who self-identify as being of Hispanic origin.

⁽²⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

⁽³⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

**FIGURE 6A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS BY RACE
FY'09, END OF 2ND QUARTER (12/31/08)**



**FIGURE 6B. REGIONAL COUNT OF CONSUMERS BY RACE
FY'09, END OF 2ND QUARTER (12/31/08)**

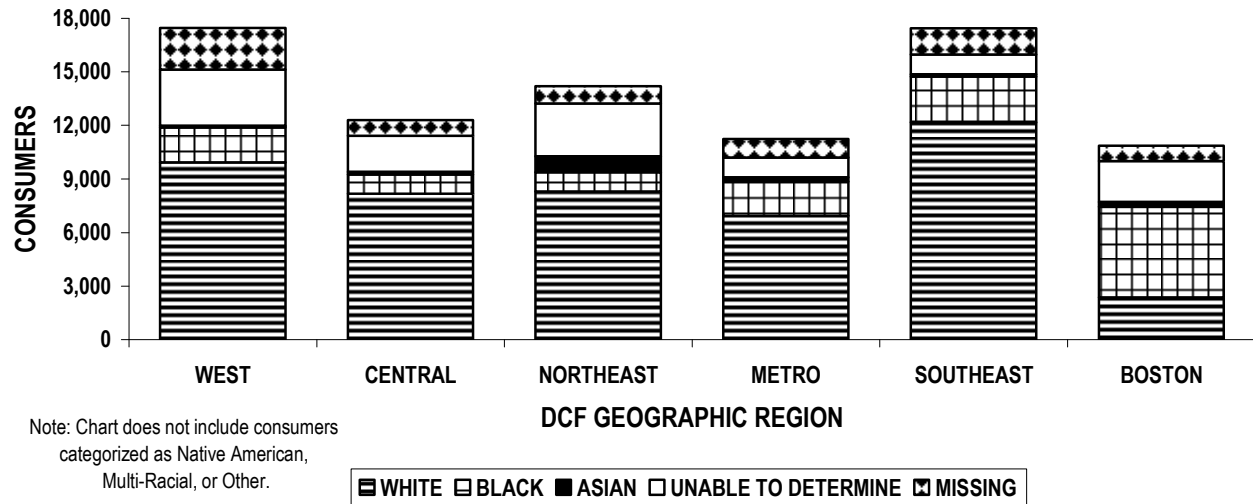


FIGURE 6C. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS BY HISPANIC ORIGIN
FY'09, END OF 2ND QUARTER (12/31/08)

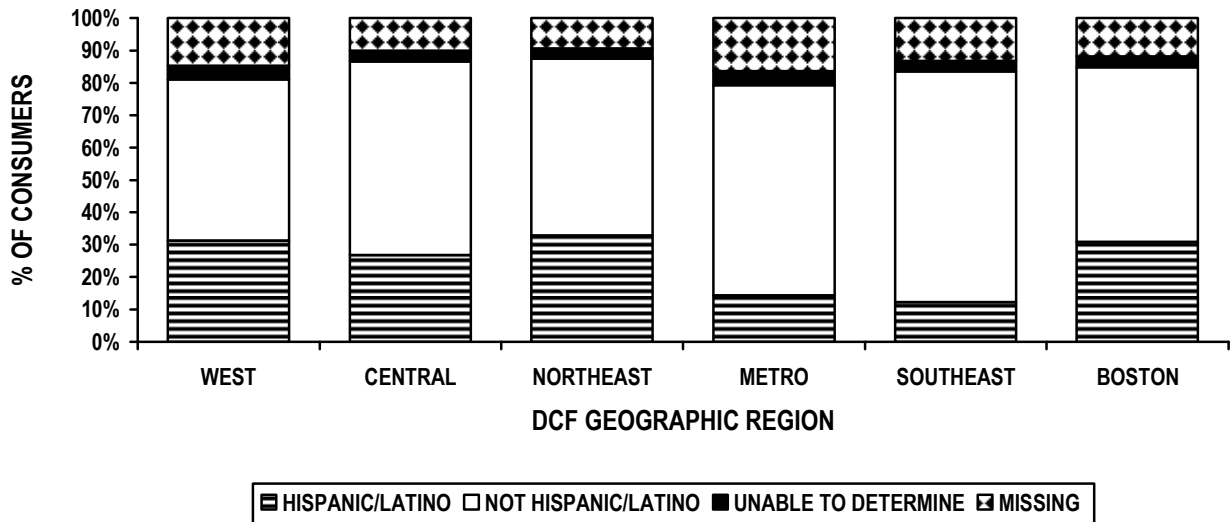


FIGURE 6D. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS BY HISPANIC ORIGIN
FY'09, END OF 2ND QUARTER (12/31/08)

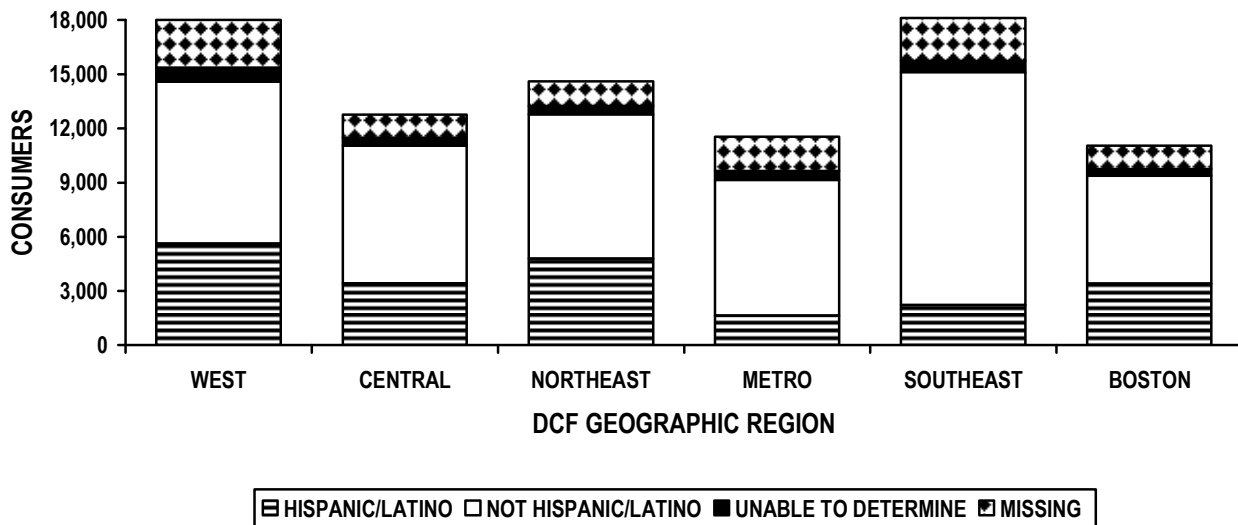


TABLE 4. PRIMARY LANGUAGE OF CONSUMERS BY DCF REGION: FY'2009, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/08)

Primary Language	DCF Geographic Region												Adoption				Total	
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		Contracts ⁽¹⁾		Other ⁽²⁾			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Spanish	1,296	7%	709	6%	1,199	8%	428	4%	418	2%	1,050	10%	12	5%	13	19%	5,125	6%
Khmer (Cambodian)	11	*	3	*	254	2%	5	*	45	*	13	*	---	---	---	---	331	*
Portuguese	1	*	33	*	33	*	115	1%	130	1%	29	*	---	---	---	---	341	*
Haitian Creole	1	*	10	*	14	*	146	1%	67	*	87	1%	---	---	---	---	325	*
Cape Verdean Creole	---	---	---	---	1	*	4	*	97	1%	97	1%	---	---	---	---	199	*
Vietnamese	6	*	39	*	19	*	30	*	1	*	64	1%	2	1%	---	---	161	*
Chinese	1	*	4	*	5	*	44	*	---	---	22	*	---	---	3	4%	79	*
Lao	3	*	4	*	35	*	---	---	---	---	1	*	---	---	---	---	43	*
American Sign Lang.	7	*	6	*	8	*	7	*	9	*	9	*	---	---	---	---	46	*
Other	344	2%	204	2%	150	1%	194	2%	309	2%	174	2%	1	0%	31	44%	1,407	2%
English\Unspecified	16,327	91%	11,743	92%	12,888	88%	10,555	92%	17,047	94%	9,496	86%	235	94%	23	33%	78,314	91%
Total	17,997	100%	12,755	100%	14,606	100%	11,528	100%	18,123	100%	11,042	100%	250	100%	70	100%	86,371	100%

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

⁽¹⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

⁽²⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

Profile of Consumers in Placement⁶

Foster and Congregate Care

- There were 7,784 consumers in foster care and 2,142 consumers in congregate care⁷ on the last day of the 2nd Quarter of FY'2009. Foster care populations were highest in the Western and Southeastern Regions. The number of consumers in congregate care was greatest in the Southeastern, Metro, and Northeastern Regions. **(Table 5A on page 24)**
- The largest age group in foster care was 12-17 years (29-35% range across regions). Among regions, the West, Southeast, and Northeast had the highest numbers of adolescents in foster care, 573, 448, and 434, respectively. **(Table 5A)**
- Adolescents were the primary age group in congregate care, ranging from 65% to 75% across the regions. The Southeastern and Metro Regions had the largest adolescent populations in congregate care, 315 and 310, respectively. **(Table 5A)**
- Consumers in “Other” placement locations⁸ were primarily adolescents (73-84% regional range). **(Table 5A)**
- There were 2,031 consumers in “Intensive” foster care⁹ (IFC) and 5,753 consumers in “Departmental” foster care. Departmental foster care was separated into unrestricted (37% of consumers), kinship (32%), child specific (10%), pre-adoptive (8%), and independent living (13%). **(Table 5B on page 25)**
- The West (439), Northeast (356), and Southeast (333) had the highest numbers of consumers in IFC. **(Table 5B).**
- A breakdown of Departmental foster care showed the West had the largest number of consumers in unrestricted, child-specific, and pre-adoptive foster care. The Southeast had the most consumers in kinship care. Consumers in independent living were highest in the Northeast. **(Fig. 7B on page 27, Table 5B)**

⁶Consumers include children less than 18 years old and young adults 18 to 23 years old.

⁷Congregate Care includes: group home, residential, and short-term residential placement.

⁸“Other” includes locations like hospitals, nursing homes, and other state agencies, as well as children on the run from placement.

⁹Intensive Foster Care encompasses and expands upon services formerly known as “Contracted” Foster Care (Therapeutic, Diagnostic, Independent Living, Emergency Shelter, and Other models). IFC programs provide therapeutic services and supports in a family-based placement setting to children and youth for whom a traditional foster care environment is not sufficiently supportive, who are transitioning from a residential/group home level of care and require the intensity of services available through this program, or who are being discharged from a hospital setting.

- The proportions of consumers in different types of departmental foster care are displayed for each region in Figure 7A. Consumers in unrestricted homes were most prevalent in the West. Metro, Central, and Southeast had the largest proportions of consumers in kinship homes. Consumers in child-specific homes were most evident in Central. The Metro and Western Regions had the highest proportions of consumers in pre-adoptive homes. Consumers in independent living were proportionally higher in the Northeast as compared to the other regions. (**Fig. 7A** on page 27)
- The major congregate care programs were group homes (929 consumers), residential (885), and short-term residential placement services (Stabilization and Rapid Reintegration also known as STARR)¹⁰ (328 consumers). (**Table 5C** on page 26)
- The proportions of consumers in different types of congregate care are shown for each region in Figure 8A. The Northeastern and Western Regions had the highest proportions of consumers in group homes. The proportion of consumers in residential placements was most significant in Boston. Children in STARR placements were more prevalent in the Southeastern Region. (**Fig. 8A** on page 28)
- The number of consumers in group homes was highest in the Northeast. The Southeast and Metro had the most consumers in residential. The Southeast had the most children in the STARR program. (**Fig. 8B** on page 28)
- Consumers in the residential program were mostly situated in Residential schools.¹¹ (**Table 5C**)
- The primary models in the group home program were behavioral treatment residence (BTR) (384 consumers), group home (375), and independent living (170). (**Table 5C**)
- From the 1st Quarter to the 2nd Quarter of FY'2009, there was a statewide decrease of 2% in foster care children and a decrease of 2% in congregate care children.¹² Regionally, the largest decline in the foster care population occurred in both the Northeastern and Metro Regions (-4% each). Metro and Central had the most significant drops in congregate care children (-4% each). (**Figs. 9 and 10** on page 29).

¹⁰ Services focused on supporting a rapid reintegration or transition to a next placement.

¹¹ Staff secure placement is for children who have not sufficiently internalized behavioral controls and require a more highly structured setting to help them manage their behavior. These facilities are licensed by the Department of Education. Special education services are provided according to the child's Individual Education Plan (IEP).

¹² Both foster care and congregate care include young adults 18 years or older.

- Declines in the numbers of consumers in placement, foster care, and congregate care most often occur in the 4th and 1st quarters. Seasonal variation is not the only contributing factor. Counts of placement children have shown a steady decline since at least 2003 (See table on page 1). In contrast, declines in quarterly counts of children not in placement and total consumers (adults and children) occur predominantly in the 4th quarter. This seasonal decline coincides with the pattern for reports, investigations, and case intakes via child maltreatment.

All Placement Locations (Combined Counts)

- At the end of the 2nd Quarter of FY'2009, the statewide placement population was comprised of 52% boys and 48% girls. Regionally, the gender difference showed little deviation from the state (**Table 6A** on page 30, **Fig. 11A** on page 32). The proportions of male and female children in the placement population were similar to the general population.¹³
- Statewide, 58% of all consumers in placement were White, 20% were Black, 2% were Asian, less than 1% were Native American, and 5% were multi-racial. Race could not be determined for 14% of the placement population. (**Table 6A, Fig. 11A**)
- The proportion of minority consumers in placement, as with the local population, was highest in the Boston Region. (**Table 6A**)
- Of the total placement population, 25% (2,601 consumers) self-identified as being of Hispanic origin. Hispanic consumers were most prevalent in the Northeastern and Western Regions. (**Table 6A, Fig. 11A**)
- Race could not be determined for a relatively large number of consumers in placement in the Western, Northeastern, Central, and Boston Regions. These high values may be attributable to the large number of Hispanic consumers in placement, who may not self-identify with any of the racial categories. (**Table 6A**)
- Adolescents were the largest age group in placement in each of the DCF Regions. The proportion of adolescents ranged from 38% to 45%. (**Table 6B** on page 31)
- The number of young adults (18 years or older) in placement ranged from 172 in the Central Region to 364 in the Northeastern Region. (**Table 6B**)

¹³ Massachusetts child population: 51% male and 49% female (July 1, 2006). U.S. Census Bureau, State Population Estimates—Characteristics (www.census.gov/popest/states/asrh/tables/SC_EST2006-02-25.XLS)

- The most prominent service plan goals of consumers in placement were Family Reunification (34% of all consumers in placement), Adoption (23%), and Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement¹⁴ (APPLA) (22%). Regionally, the Southeast and West had the highest numbers of consumers in placement with a goal of reunifying the family. The West had the highest number of consumers in placement with a goal of adoption. The Northeast had the most consumers in placement with a goal of APPLA. **(Table 6B, Fig. 11B on page 33)**
- The remaining service plan goals were: Permanent Care with Kin¹⁵ (7% of all consumers in placement), Guardianship (6%), and Stabilization of Family (5%).
- On 12/31/2008, 37% of the statewide placement population had a length of stay of 2 or more years¹⁶, 21% had been in continuous care between 1 and 2 years, and 42% for 1 year or less. **(Table 6B, Fig. 11B)**
- The Northeast had the highest proportion of consumers in continuous care¹⁷ for more than two years (40%). Central had the highest proportion of consumers in care for one year or less (48%). The West and Southeast had the largest numbers of consumers in care for one year or less (906 and 877, respectively). The West had the largest number of consumers in care for more than two years (785). **(Table 6B)**
- Tables 7A and 7B display the race and Hispanic origin of consumers in placement by their length of time in continuous care. There was a tendency for a greater proportion of Black consumers to be in care for more than two years as compared to other races (39% for Black vs. 37% for White, 36% for Hispanic, 33% for Unable to Determine, 30% for Multi-Racial). **(Tables 7A and 7B on page 34)**

¹⁴ Goal establishes with youth 16 years or older a lifelong permanent connection, as well as life skills training and a stable living environment that will support youth development into and through adulthood. This goal includes youths who will be transitioned to the Departments of Mental Health, Mental Retardation, and Public Health upon turning 22 years old.

¹⁵ Goal provides children with a committed, nurturing, and lifelong relationship in a licensed kinship family setting.

¹⁶ Length of stay in placement, as measured by a “point-in-time snapshot” of consumers residing in care, is not representative of all individuals who spend time in care during some specified period. It is biased because consumers in continuous long-term placement are over-represented in “snapshot” counts while many others who enter and leave placement quickly are not counted at all.

¹⁷ Continuous time in care is defined as the span of time from the child’s most recent placement entry (home removal) to the Quarter End Date (December 31, 2008).

- At the end of the 2nd Quarter of FY'2009 (“snapshot” on 12/31/08), the median time in continuous care was 1.1 years and the median¹⁸ age was 11.9 years for all children less than 18 years old in placement. (See table below)
- Over the past 17 years, the median age of children in care rose from 9 to 12 years while median time in placement remained fairly stable (1.6 to 1.1 years). Median age of children in placement rose from 11.7 years on September 2008 to 11.9 years on December 2008. The minor change in median age had no effect on the median length of time in care—1.1 years. (See table below)

Children in Placement*			
Date	Median Age (yrs)	Median Continuous Time in Placement (yrs)	Number of Children
7/92	9.2	1.5	12,311
7/93	9.3	1.6	12,577
7/94	9.1	1.4	12,977
7/95	9.2	1.3	13,056
7/96	9.7	1.4	12,643
7/97	10.2	1.4	11,957
9/98**	10.5	1.4	10,872
6/99**	11.0	1.2	10,134
6/00**	11.2	1.5	9,676
6/01**	11.5	1.4	9,955
6/02	11.9	1.5	10,033
6/03	12.2	1.5	10,233
6/04**	12.5	1.5	9,967
6/05**	12.7	1.4	9,709
6/06**	12.7	1.2	9,459
6/07**	12.6	1.2	9,109
6/08	12.1	1.1	9,281
9/08	11.7	1.1	8,963
12/08	11.9	1.1	8,729

* = Children are less than 18 years old.

** = revised statistics

¹⁸ Half of the children are younger than the median and half are older.

- A breakdown of children in placement by race and Hispanic origin is presented in the following table. The median age of most minority children was greater than the median age of white children. Median time in care for minority children was less than or equal to the median time in care for white children. On 12/31/08, 49% of children less than 18 years old in placement were adolescents. Please note that the statistics in the following table are for children less than 18 years old.

Children in Placement on 12/31/08*			
Race	Median Age (yrs)	Median Continuous Time in Placement (yrs)	Number of Children
White	11.7	1.1	5,096
Black	13.3	1.1	1,683
Asian	15.2	0.8	153
Native American	8.4	0.6	20
Pacific Islander	15.7	0.5	5
Multi-Racial	6.9	1.0	468
Unable to Determine	11.3	1.0	1,303
Missing	----	----	1
TOTAL	11.9	1.1	8,729
Hispanic Origin**	12.3	1.1	2,246

* = Children are less than 18 years old.

** = Children of any race who are Hispanic

- Among White, Black, and Hispanic consumers in placement, there was little difference in the proportion with a goal of “Family Reunification” (30-35%) (**Tables 8A and 8B** on page 35). However, there was a greater proportion of Black consumers with a goal of “Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement” (APPLA) and a lower proportion with a goal of “Adoption” as compared to White and Hispanic consumers—28% Black vs. 22% White and 21% Hispanic for APPLA; 19% Black vs. 24% White and 22% Hispanic for adoption.

Consumers in Placement with a Goal of Adoption

- Out of 2,374 consumers in placement with a goal of adoption, 1,428 (60%) were White, 405 (17%) were Black, 16 (1%) were Asian, 5 (<1%) were Native American, and 197 (8%) were multi-racial. Race could not be determined for 322 (14%) consumers. Twenty-four percent (581) of all consumers in placement with a goal of adoption were of Hispanic origin. (**Tables 8A and 8B, Fig. 12A** on page 37)
- The age distribution of 2,374 consumers in placement with a goal of adoption was: 26% age 0-2 years, 23% age 3-5 years, 36% age 6-11 years, and 15% age 12-17 years. (**Table 8C** on page 36, **Fig. 12A**)

- Fifty-three percent of the consumers with a goal of adoption were male and 47% were female. (**Fig. 12A**)
- Forty-five percent of the consumers in placement with a goal of adoption had been in continuous placement for more than two years. (**Table 8D** on page 36, **Fig. 12A**)
- Forty-six percent of the consumers in placement with a goal of guardianship had been in continuous placement for more than two years. (**Table 8D**)
- There has been a decline in the number of children¹⁹ in placement with a goal of adoption since 1994 (peak value of 4,522). In 1997, this group of “waiting” children fell below 4,000 for the first time since 1991. In 2001, the group of “waiting” children dropped below 3,000. Over the years, changes in the number of children with a goal of adoption have often coincided with changes in the placement population. (See table below)
- The proportion of “waiting” children reached its highest level in 1994 (35%). Since 2001, the proportion of children with a goal of adoption has been fluctuating between 25-29%. (See table below)

Date	Children in Placement	Children in Placement with a Goal of Adoption	% of Children with a Goal of Adoption
7/91	12,397	3,541	29%
7/92	12,311	4,116	33%
7/93	12,577	4,244	34%
7/94	12,977	4,522	35%
7/95	13,056	4,352	33%
7/96	12,463	4,251	34%
7/97	11,957	3,673	31%
12/97	11,170	3,489	31%
9/98	10,872*	NA	NA
6/99	10,134*	3,118	31%
6/00	9,676*	3,089	32%
6/01	9,955*	2,859	29%
6/02	10,033	2,844	28%
6/03	10,233	2,864	28%
6/04	9,967*	2,541*	25%
6/05	9,709*	2,483*	26%
6/06	9,459*	2,342*	25%
6/07	9,109*	2,493*	27%
6/08	9,281	2,452	26%
9/08	8,963	2,520	28%
12/08	8,729	2,372	27%

Notes: **Children are less than 18 years old.**

* = revised statistics

¹⁹ Children are less than 18 years old.

- Of the 2,374 “waiting” consumers in placement with a goal of adoption, 39% were legally free for adoption. Seventy-six percent of the freed children were matched to a permanent family. (**Fig. 12B** on page 38)
- The adolescent age group had the highest proportion of children who were legally free for adoption (see table below). The larger proportion of adolescents legally free is a reflection of the difficulty in achieving adoptions for older children. The younger children who are legally free are being adopted while the adolescents who are legally free are “stuck” in placement. A separate analysis of children adopted in FY’2008 showed that the proportion of older children (12-17 years old) who were adopted accounted for only 8% of all adoptions. The amount of time from being legally freed to adoption is much longer for these older children.

	Children in Placement 12/31/08		
	Children with Goal of Adoption & Legally Free for Adoption	All Children with Goal of Adoption	% Legally Free for Adoption
Age Group (years)	No.	No.	%
0 – 2	220	617	36%
3 – 5	214	545	39%
6 – 11	306	849	36%
12 – 17	174	361	48%
Total	914	2,372	39%

Note: These children are less than 18 years old. Parental consent to adoption is not required once a child reaches 18 years of age.

- Of those children who were not legally free for adoption (61%), 63% were matched to permanent families (**Fig. 12B**).
- The Boston and Southeastern Regions had the highest proportions (55% and 53%, respectively) of “waiting” children who were legally free for adoption. The proportion of legally free children ranged from 27% in Metro to 55% in Boston. (**Fig. 12C** on page 39)
- The Metro and Western Regions had the highest proportions of “waiting” children who were matched to a permanent family (82% and 80%, respectively). The proportion of children matched to a permanent family ranged from 52% in the Northeast to 82% in Metro. Matching a child to an adoptive family can occur before, during, or after the legal proceedings to free a child for adoption. (**Fig. 12D** on page 39)

**TABLE 5A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT - AGE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:
FY'2009, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/08)**

		Placement Location of Consumers						
DCF Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾	Age Group	Foster Care		Congregate Care		Other ⁽²⁾		Total No.
		No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
West		1,725		328		89		2,142
	(0 - 2 yrs)	338	20%	1	*	2	2%	341
	(3 - 5 yrs)	253	15%	1	*	1	1%	255
	(6 - 11 yrs)	359	21%	33	10%	8	9%	400
	(12 - 17 yrs)	573	33%	237	72%	75	84%	885
	18 or older	202	12%	56	17%	3	3%	261
Central		1,179		276		50		1,505
	(0 - 2 yrs)	215	18%	---	---	1	2%	216
	(3 - 5 yrs)	182	15%	2	1%	---	---	184
	(6 - 11 yrs)	296	25%	57	21%	9	18%	362
	(12 - 17 yrs)	345	29%	189	68%	37	74%	571
	18 or older	141	12%	28	10%	3	6%	172
Northeast		1,299		400		94		1,793
	(0 - 2 yrs)	217	17%	---	---	6	6%	223
	(3 - 5 yrs)	156	12%	---	---	4	4%	160
	(6 - 11 yrs)	236	18%	33	8%	5	5%	274
	(12 - 17 yrs)	434	33%	265	66%	73	78%	772
	18 or older	256	20%	102	26%	6	6%	364
Metro		913		412		45		1,370
	(0 - 2 yrs)	161	18%	---	---	1	2%	162
	(3 - 5 yrs)	116	13%	1	*	2	4%	119
	(6 - 11 yrs)	192	21%	34	8%	3	7%	229
	(12 - 17 yrs)	273	30%	310	75%	38	84%	621
	18 or older	171	19%	67	16%	1	2%	239
Southeast		1,491		425		58		1,974
	(0 - 2 yrs)	305	20%	---	---	2	3%	307
	(3 - 5 yrs)	214	14%	1	*	1	2%	216
	(6 - 11 yrs)	277	19%	56	13%	2	3%	335
	(12 - 17 yrs)	448	30%	315	74%	49	84%	812
	18 or older	247	17%	53	12%	4	7%	304
Boston		906		301		93		1,300
	(0 - 2 yrs)	177	20%	---	---	---	---	177
	(3 - 5 yrs)	96	11%	5	2%	1	1%	102
	(6 - 11 yrs)	136	15%	37	12%	7	8%	180
	(12 - 17 yrs)	316	35%	197	65%	68	73%	581
	18 or older	181	20%	62	21%	17	18%	260
Adoption Contracts ⁽³⁾		221		---		1		222
	(0 - 2 yrs)	30	14%	---	---	---	---	30
	(3 - 5 yrs)	42	19%	---	---	1	100%	43
	(6 - 11 yrs)	104	47%	---	---	---	---	104
	(12 - 17 yrs)	45	20%	---	---	---	---	45
Other ⁽⁴⁾		50		---		---		50
	(0 - 2 yrs)	1	2%	---	---	---	---	1
	(3 - 5 yrs)	1	2%	---	---	---	---	1
	(6 - 11 yrs)	1	2%	---	---	---	---	1
	(12 - 17 yrs)	20	40%	---	---	---	---	20
	18 or older	27	54%	---	---	---	---	27
Total		7,784		2,142		430		10,356

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

⁽¹⁾ Region having responsibility for the case (child could be placed in another DCF Region).

⁽²⁾ "Other" includes locations such as hospitals and other state agencies, as well as consumers on the run from placement.

⁽³⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

⁽⁴⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

**TABLE 5B. CONSUMERS IN FOSTER CARE - AGE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:
FY'2009, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/08)**

DCF Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾		Foster Care							Foster Care Total
		Intensive Foster Care		Departmental Foster Care					
		Intensive Foster Care ⁽²⁾	Other ⁽³⁾	Child Specific	Independent Living	Kinship	Pre-Adoptive	Unrestricted	
West		439	8	154	127	315	111	571	1,725
	(0-2yrs)	16	6	24	---	84	51	157	338
	(3-5yrs)	26	---	21	---	69	27	110	253
	(6-11yrs)	95	---	35	---	81	29	119	359
	(12-17yrs)	254	1	63	4	78	3	170	573
	18 or older	48	1	11	123	3	1	15	202
Central		281	9	117	71	303	75	323	1,179
	(0-2yrs)	5	6	16	---	77	19	92	215
	(3-5yrs)	12	1	13	---	66	32	58	182
	(6-11yrs)	74	---	34	---	92	18	78	296
	(12-17yrs)	155	1	41	---	58	6	84	345
	18 or older	35	1	13	71	10	---	11	141
Northeast		356	30	79	175	307	42	310	1,299
	(0-2yrs)	43	6	5	---	65	13	85	217
	(3-5yrs)	21	3	7	---	56	8	61	156
	(6-11yrs)	62	3	17	---	76	16	62	236
	(12-17yrs)	181	8	41	5	106	5	88	434
	18 or older	49	10	9	170	4	---	14	256
Metro		201	4	64	101	251	65	227	913
	(0-2yrs)	21	---	2	---	46	30	62	161
	(3-5yrs)	11	---	4	---	54	16	31	116
	(6-11yrs)	37	1	16	---	78	15	45	192
	(12-17yrs)	110	2	29	---	62	4	66	273
	18 or older	22	1	13	101	11	---	23	171
Southeast		333	9	83	150	395	80	441	1,491
	(0-2yrs)	15	2	8	---	92	37	151	305
	(3-5yrs)	28	---	8	---	78	20	80	214
	(6-11yrs)	66	---	14	---	98	19	80	277
	(12-17yrs)	182	---	40	4	108	4	110	448
	18 or older	42	7	13	146	19	---	20	247
Boston		284	14	46	105	199	31	227	906
	(0-2yrs)	37	1	7	---	53	15	64	177
	(3-5yrs)	27	2	3	---	31	10	23	96
	(6-11yrs)	52	---	11	---	44	3	26	136
	(12-17yrs)	135	8	19	---	61	3	90	316
	18 or older	33	3	6	105	10	---	24	181
Adoption Contracts ⁽⁴⁾		62	1	22	---	36	50	50	221
	(0-2yrs)	2	1	1	---	11	4	11	30
	(3-5yrs)	6	---	4	---	12	10	10	42
	(6-11yrs)	29	---	10	---	10	31	24	104
	(12-17yrs)	25	---	7	---	3	5	5	45
Other ⁽⁵⁾		---	---	5	17	---	---	28	50
	(0-2yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	1
	(3-5yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	1
	(6-11yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	1
	(12-17yrs)	---	---	3	---	---	---	17	20
	18 or older	---	---	2	17	---	---	8	27
Total		1,956	75	570	746	1,806	454	2,177	7,784

⁽¹⁾ Region having responsibility for the case (child could be placed in another DCF Region).

⁽²⁾ IFC includes "Teen Parent Rate" model (18 consumers).

⁽³⁾ Other includes "Sibling Rate" model (38 consumers).

⁽⁴⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

⁽⁵⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

**TABLE 5C. CONSUMERS IN CONGREGATE CARE - AGE AND LOCATION BY DCF REGION:
FY'2009, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/08)**

DCF Geographic Region ⁽¹⁾		Congregate Care						Total
		Group Home			Residential		STARR ⁽³⁾	
		Behavioral Treatment Residence	Group Home	Independent Living	Residential School	Other Residential ⁽²⁾		
West		91	52	16	111	2	56	328
	(0 - 2 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	1	1
	(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	1	1
	(6 - 11 yrs)	7	1	---	18	---	7	33
	(12 - 17 yrs)	80	28	3	78	1	47	237
	18 or older	4	23	13	15	1	---	56
Central		63	53	6	98	4	52	276
	(3 - 5 yrs)	---	1	---	---	---	1	2
	(6 - 11 yrs)	16	5	---	20	---	16	57
	(12 - 17 yrs)	42	38	4	67	3	35	189
	18 or older	5	9	2	11	1	---	28
Northeast		81	52	64	150	1	52	400
	(6 - 11 yrs)	15	1	---	14	1	2	33
	(12 - 17 yrs)	64	40	10	101	---	50	265
	18 or older	2	11	54	35	---	---	102
	Metro		39	97	38	178	6	54
	(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	---	---	1	1
	(6 - 11 yrs)	9	7	---	15	---	3	34
	(12 - 17 yrs)	28	75	16	138	3	50	310
	18 or older	2	15	22	25	3	---	67
	Southeast		71	63	17	187	1	86
	(3 - 5 yrs)	---	1	---	---	---	---	1
	(6 - 11 yrs)	16	1	---	26	---	13	56
	(12 - 17 yrs)	53	54	8	126	1	73	315
	18 or older	2	7	9	35	---	---	53
	Boston		39	58	29	138	9	28
	(3 - 5 yrs)	---	---	---	1	---	4	5
	(6 - 11 yrs)	9	2	---	20	---	6	37
	(12 - 17 yrs)	28	43	4	97	7	18	197
	18 or older	2	13	25	20	2	---	62
	Total		384	375	170	862	23	328

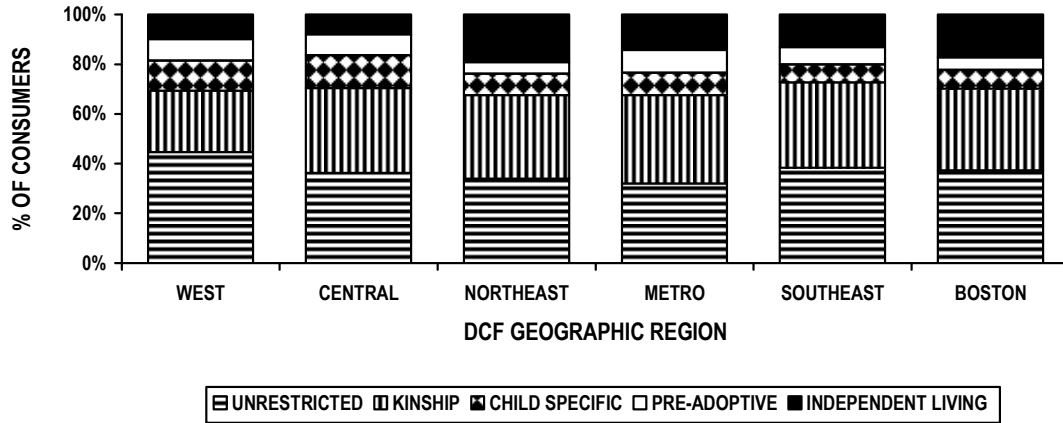
⁽¹⁾ Region having responsibility for the case (child could be placed in another DCF Region).

⁽²⁾ "Old" taxonomy includes non-766 residential program (2), Chap. 766 (2), teen pregnancy/parenting group home (18), other (1).

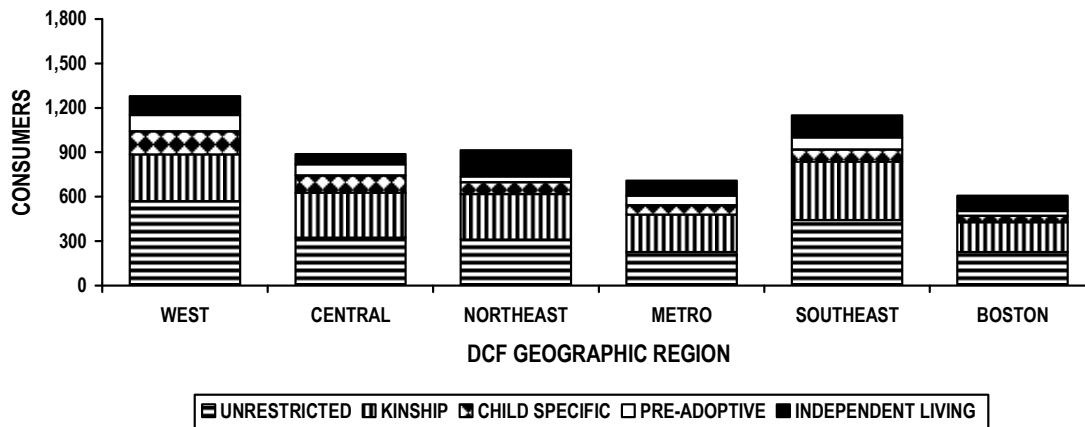
⁽³⁾ STARR = Stabilization and Rapid Reintegration (short-term residential placement service)

⁽⁴⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

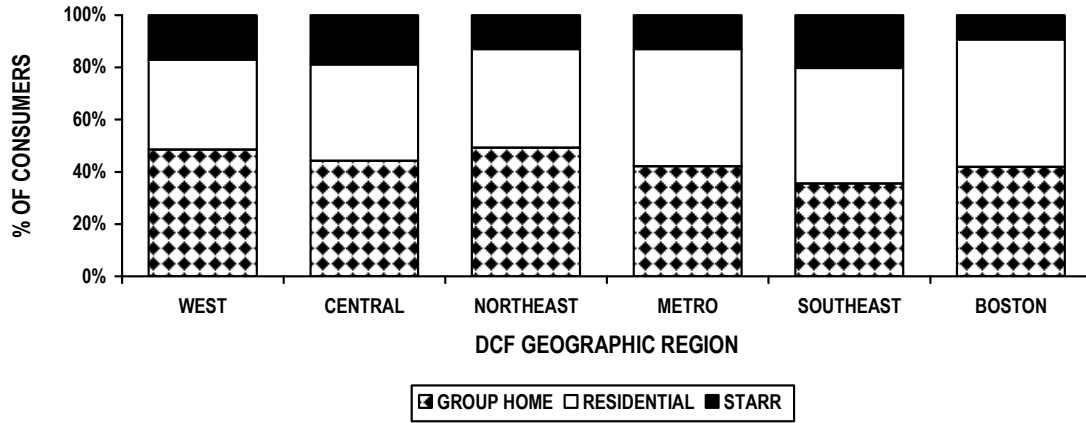
**FIGURE 7A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS
IN DEPARTMENTAL FOSTER CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION
FY'2009, END OF 2ND QUARTER (12/31/08)**



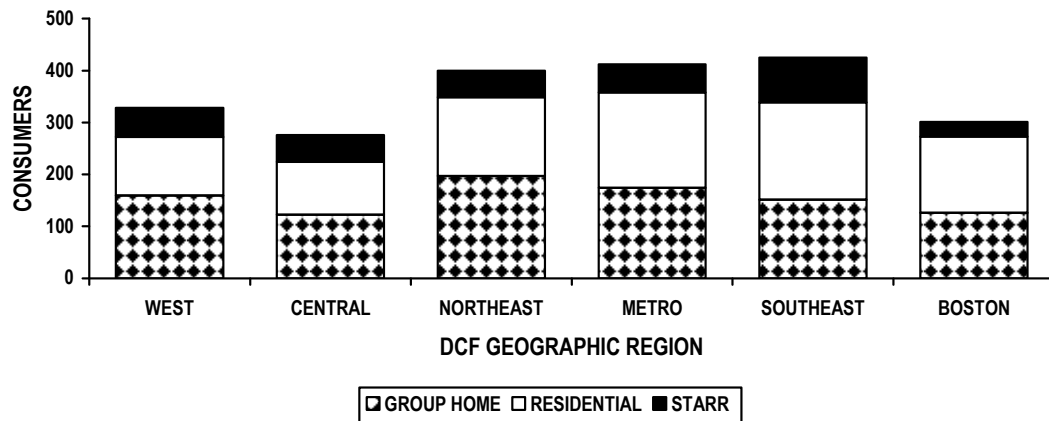
**FIGURE 7B. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS
IN DEPARTMENTAL FOSTER CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION
FY'2009, END OF 2ND QUARTER (12/31/08)**



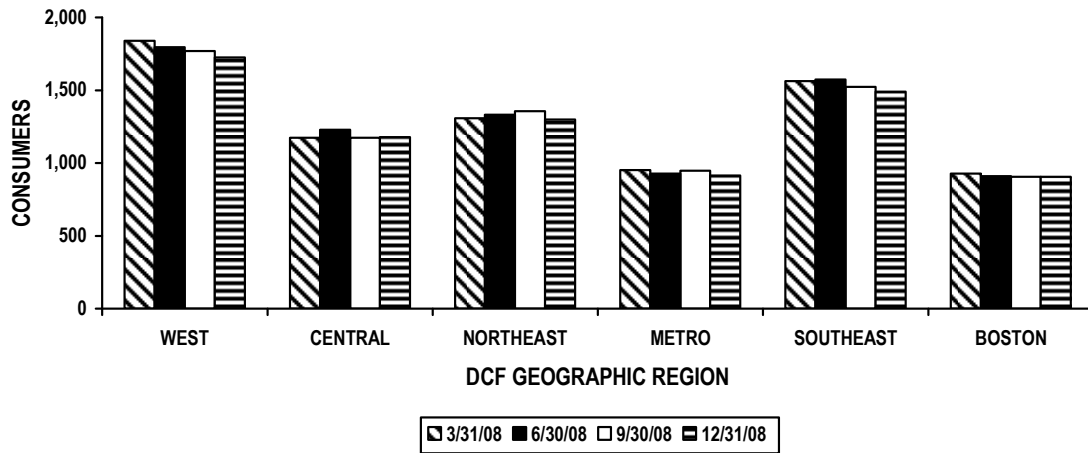
**FIGURE 8A. REGIONAL PROPORTIONS OF CONSUMERS
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FY'2009, END OF 2ND QUARTER (12/31/08)**



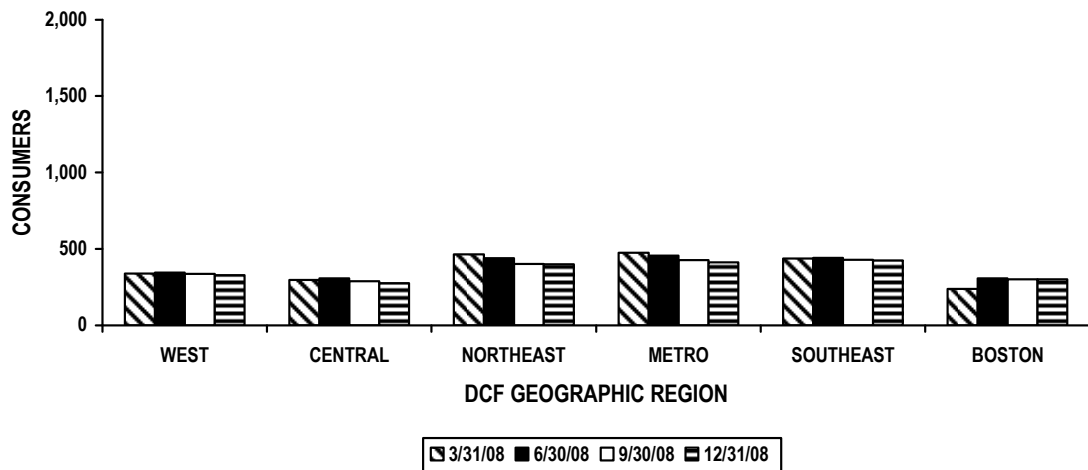
**FIGURE 8B. REGIONAL COUNTS OF CONSUMERS
IN CONGREGATE CARE BY TYPE OF LOCATION
FY'2009, END OF 2ND QUARTER (12/31/08)**



**FIGURE 9. CONSUMERS IN FOSTER CARE BY DCF REGION
(FY'2008, END OF 3RD QUARTER TO FY'2009, END OF 2ND QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 10. CONSUMERS IN CONGREGATE CARE BY DCF REGION
(FY'2008, END OF 3RD QUARTER TO FY'2009, END OF 2ND QUARTER)**



**TABLE 6A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT: SEX, RACE, AND HISPANIC ORIGIN BY DCF REGIONS AND STATE:
FY'2009, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/08)**

Characteristics	DCF Geographic Region												Adoption				Total	
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		Contracts ⁽¹⁾		Other ⁽²⁾			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Sex:																		
Female	1,056	49%	722	48%	853	48%	675	49%	938	48%	664	51%	98	44%	15	30%	5,021	48%
Male	1,086	51%	783	52%	940	52%	695	51%	1,036	52%	636	49%	124	56%	35	70%	5,335	52%
Total	2,142	100%	1,505	100%	1,793	100%	1,370	100%	1,974	100%	1,300	100%	222	100%	50	100%	10,356	100%
Race:																		
White	1,345	63%	973	65%	1,072	60%	893	65%	1,344	68%	292	22%	98	44%	5	10%	6,022	58%
Black	312	15%	167	11%	189	11%	277	20%	349	18%	736	57%	40	18%	29	58%	2,099	20%
Asian	6	*	21	1%	88	5%	25	2%	11	1%	23	2%	4	2%	15	30%	193	2%
Native American	3	*	6	*	3	*	2	*	9	*	2	*	1	*	---	---	26	*
Other ⁽³⁾	1	*	3	*	---	---	1	*	1	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	6	*
Multi-Racial	106	5%	72	5%	87	5%	57	4%	127	6%	37	3%	25	11%	---	---	511	5%
Unable to Determine	369	17%	261	17%	354	20%	115	8%	133	7%	210	16%	54	24%	1	2%	1,497	14%
Unknown	---	---	2	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	*
Total	2,142	100%	1,505	100%	1,793	100%	1,370	100%	1,974	100%	1,300	100%	222	100%	50	100%	10,356	100%
Hispanic/Latino Origin:																		
Hispanic/Latino	701	33%	445	30%	620	35%	191	14%	262	13%	312	24%	62	28%	8	16%	2,601	25%
Not Hispanic/Latino	1,325	62%	981	65%	1,104	62%	1,109	81%	1,617	82%	938	72%	139	63%	39	78%	7,252	70%
Unable to Determine	116	5%	79	5%	69	4%	70	5%	94	5%	50	4%	21	9%	---	---	499	5%
Unknown		0%	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	0%	---	---	---	---	3	6%	4	*
Total	2,142	100%	1,505	100%	1,793	100%	1,370	100%	1,974	100%	1,300	100%	222	100%	50	100%	10,356	100%

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

⁽¹⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

⁽²⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

⁽³⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

**TABLE 6B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT: AGE, SERVICE PLAN GOAL, AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE BY DCF REGIONS AND STATE:
FY'2009, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/08)**

Characteristics	DCF Geographic Region												Adoption				Total	
	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		Contracts ⁽¹⁾		Other ⁽²⁾			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Age:																		
(0 - 2 yrs)	341	16%	216	14%	223	12%	162	12%	307	16%	177	14%	30	14%	1	2%	1,457	14%
(3 - 5 yrs)	255	12%	184	12%	160	9%	119	9%	216	11%	102	8%	43	19%	1	2%	1,080	10%
(6 - 11 yrs)	400	19%	362	24%	274	15%	229	17%	335	17%	180	14%	104	47%	1	2%	1,885	18%
(12 - 17 yrs)	885	41%	571	38%	772	43%	621	45%	812	41%	581	45%	45	20%	20	40%	4,307	42%
18 or older	261	12%	172	11%	364	20%	239	17%	304	15%	260	20%	---	---	27	54%	1,627	16%
Total	2,142	100%	1,505	100%	1,793	100%	1,370	100%	1,974	100%	1,300	100%	222	100%	50	100%	10,356	100%
Service Plan Goals:																		
Family Reunification	737	34%	562	37%	585	33%	452	33%	738	37%	439	34%	---	---	1	2%	3,514	34%
Adoption	524	24%	401	27%	368	21%	249	18%	404	20%	216	17%	212	95%	---	---	2,374	23%
APPLA ⁽³⁾	404	19%	256	17%	465	26%	350	26%	441	22%	377	29%	---	---	7	14%	2,300	22%
Permanent Care with Kin	157	7%	77	5%	144	8%	125	9%	151	8%	70	5%	3	1%	---	---	727	7%
Guardianship	114	5%	75	5%	107	6%	82	6%	115	6%	82	6%	4	2%	---	---	579	6%
Stabilization of Family	121	6%	90	6%	81	5%	67	5%	94	5%	76	6%	---	---	---	---	529	5%
Other ⁽⁴⁾	---	---	2	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	18	36%	20	*
Unspecified as of run-date	85	4%	42	3%	43	2%	45	3%	31	2%	40	3%	3	1%	24	48%	313	3%
Total	2,142	100%	1,505	100%	1,793	100%	1,370	100%	1,974	100%	1,300	100%	222	100%	50	100%	10,356	100%
Continuous Time in Care:																		
(.5 yr or less)	513	24%	427	28%	412	23%	354	26%	485	25%	328	25%	3	1%	10	20%	2,532	24%
(> .5 - 1 yr)	393	18%	299	20%	309	17%	247	18%	392	20%	229	18%	24	11%	5	10%	1,898	18%
(> 1 - 1.5 yrs)	237	11%	162	11%	200	11%	185	14%	247	13%	188	14%	15	7%	5	10%	1,239	12%
(> 1.5 - 2 yrs)	214	10%	134	9%	156	9%	125	9%	165	8%	127	10%	31	14%	3	6%	955	9%
(> 2 - 4 yrs)	451	21%	273	18%	335	19%	237	17%	381	19%	227	17%	100	45%	17	34%	2,021	20%
> 4 yrs	334	16%	210	14%	381	21%	222	16%	304	15%	201	15%	49	22%	10	20%	1,711	17%
Total	2,142	100%	1,505	100%	1,793	100%	1,370	100%	1,974	100%	1,300	100%	222	100%	50	100%	10,356	100%

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

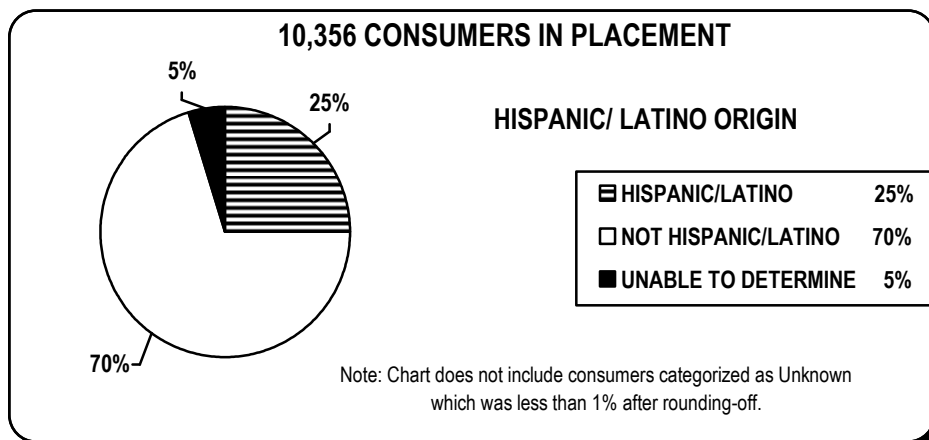
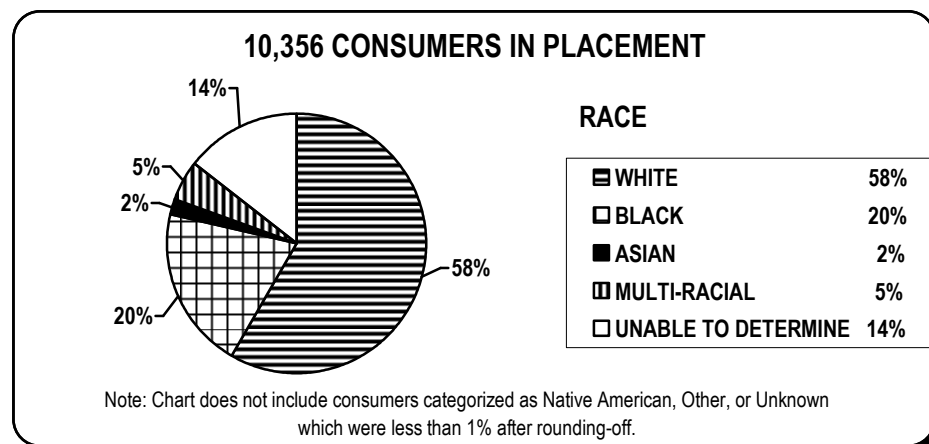
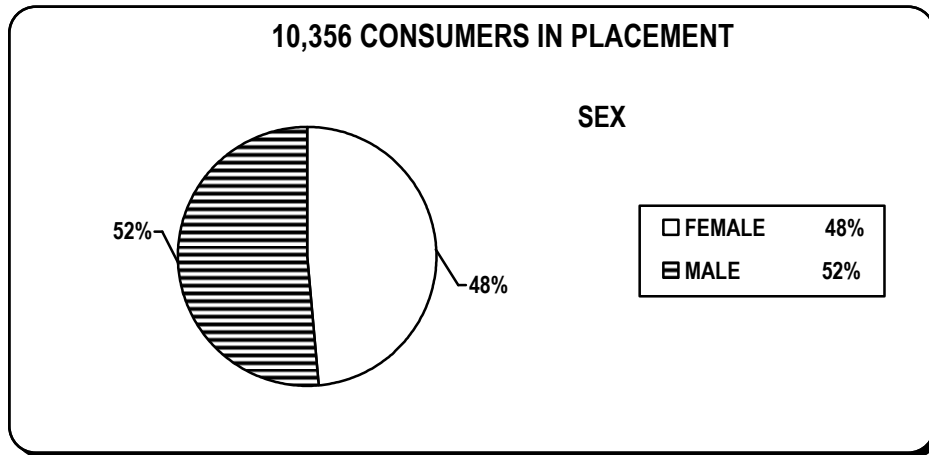
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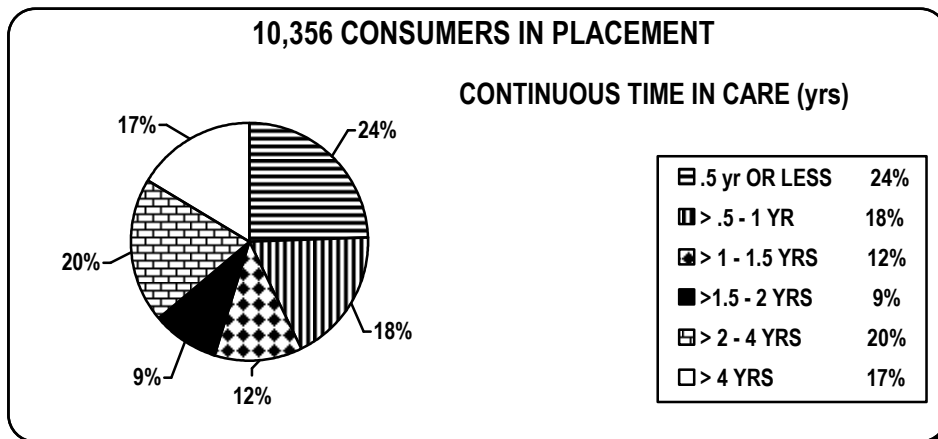
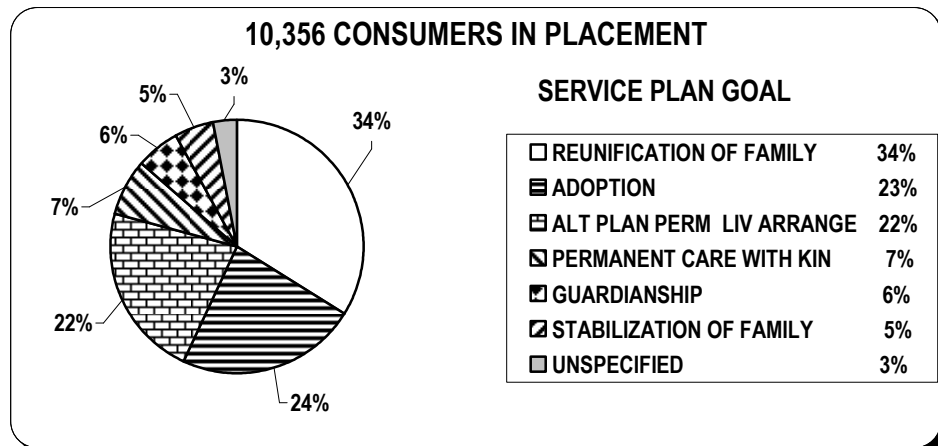
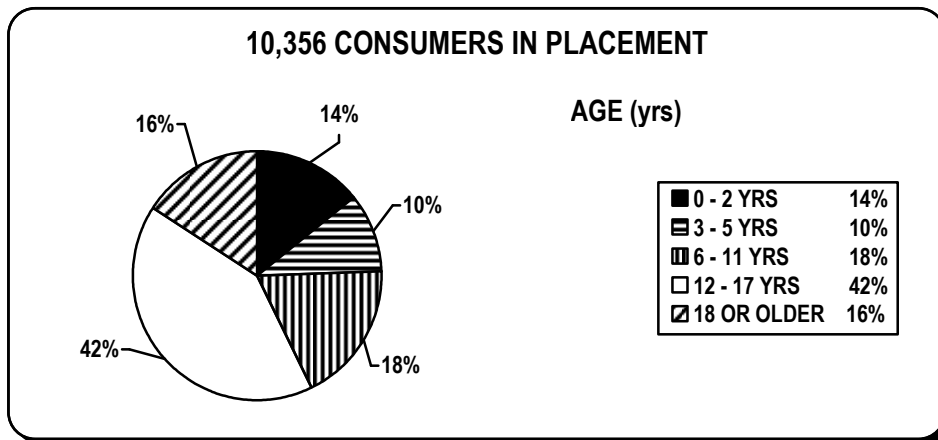
⁽³⁾ Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement

⁽⁴⁾ "Old" taxonomy

**FIGURE 11A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY SEX, RACE, AND HISPANIC ORIGIN
STATEWIDE: FY'2009, END OF 2ND QUARTER (12/31/08)**



**FIGURE 11B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY AGE, SERVICE PLAN GOAL,
AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN PLACEMENT
STATEWIDE: FY'2009, END OF 2ND QUARTER (12/31/08)**



**TABLE 7A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY RACE AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE:
STATEWIDE FY'2009, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/08)**

Continuous Time in Care	Race of Consumers																	
	White		Black		Asian		Native American		Other ⁽¹⁾		Multi-Racial		Unable to Determine		Unknown		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
(.5 yr or less)	1,459	24%	489	23%	67	35%	6	23%	3	50%	111	22%	396	26%	1	50%	2,532	24%
(>.5 - 1 yr)	1,097	18%	365	17%	27	14%	6	23%	---	---	126	25%	277	19%	---	---	1,898	18%
(>1 - 1.5 yrs)	699	12%	251	12%	21	11%	4	15%	1	17%	65	13%	198	13%	---	---	1,239	12%
(>1.5 - 2 yrs)	574	10%	177	8%	21	11%	1	4%	---	---	54	11%	127	8%	1	50%	955	9%
(>2 - 4 yrs)	1,198	20%	401	19%	31	16%	5	19%	2	33%	98	19%	286	19%	---	---	2,021	20%
> 4yrs	995	17%	416	20%	26	13%	4	15%	---	---	57	11%	213	14%	---	---	1,711	17%
Total	6,022	100%	2,099	100%	193	100%	26	100%	6	100%	511	100%	1,497	100%	2	100%	10,356	100%

⁽¹⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

**TABLE 7B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY HISPANIC/LATINO ORIGIN AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN CARE:
STATEWIDE FY'2009, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/08)**

Continuous Time in Care	Hispanic/Latino Origin ⁽¹⁾ of Consumers								Total	
	Hispanic/ Latino		Not Hispanic/ Latino		Unable to Determine		Unknown			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
(.5 yr or less)	644	25%	1,761	24%	125	25%	2	50%	2,532	24%
(>.5 - 1 yr)	462	18%	1,345	19%	91	18%	---	---	1,898	18%
(>1 - 1.5 yrs)	335	13%	833	11%	71	14%	---	---	1,239	12%
(>1.5 - 2 yrs)	222	9%	690	10%	43	9%	---	---	955	9%
(>2 - 4 yrs)	517	20%	1,387	19%	115	23%	2	50%	2,021	20%
> 4yrs	421	16%	1,236	17%	54	11%	---	---	1,711	17%
Total	2,601	100%	7,252	100%	499	100%	4	100%	10,356	100%

⁽¹⁾ Consumers of any race who self-identify as being of Hispanic origin.

TABLE 8A. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY RACE AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL: STATEWIDE FY'2009, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/08)

Service Plan Goal	Race of Consumers														Total			
	White		Black		Asian		Native American		Other ⁽¹⁾		Multi-Racial		Unable to Determine				Unknown	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
Family Reunification	2,079	35%	633	30%	81	42%	6	23%	2	33%	183	36%	530	35%	---	---	3,514	34%
Adoption	1,428	24%	405	19%	16	8%	5	19%	---	---	197	39%	322	22%	1	50%	2,374	23%
APPLA ⁽²⁾	1,311	22%	588	28%	42	22%	7	27%	1	17%	67	13%	283	19%	1	50%	2,300	22%
Permanent Care with Kin	425	7%	150	7%	18	9%	2	8%	1	17%	15	3%	116	8%	---	---	727	7%
Guardianship	335	6%	118	6%	4	2%	4	15%	---	---	24	5%	94	6%	---	---	579	6%
Stabilization of Family	288	5%	112	5%	10	5%	2	8%	1	17%	19	4%	97	6%	---	---	529	5%
Other ⁽³⁾	4	3%	11	13%	3	16%	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	4%	---	---	20	*
Unspecified as of run-date	152	3%	82	4%	19	10%	---	---	1	17%	6	1%	53	4%	---	---	313	3%
Total	6,022	100%	2,099	100%	193	100%	26	100%	6	100%	511	100%	1,497	100%	2	100%	10,356	100%

⁽¹⁾ Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

⁽²⁾ Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement

⁽³⁾ "Old" taxonomy

**TABLE 8B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY HISPANIC/LATINO ORIGIN AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL:
STATEWIDE FY'2009, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/08)**

Service Plan Goal	Hispanic/Latino Origin of Consumers								Total	
	Hispanic/ Latino		Not Hispanic/ Latino		Unable to Determine		Missing			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Family Reunification	895	34%	2,466	34%	153	31%	---	---	3,514	34%
Adoption	581	22%	1,617	22%	176	35%	---	---	2,374	23%
APPLA ⁽¹⁾	540	21%	1,686	23%	73	15%	1	25%	2,300	22%
Permanent Care with Kin	187	7%	512	7%	28	6%	---	---	727	7%
Guardianship	161	6%	389	5%	29	6%	---	---	579	6%
Stabilization of Family	156	6%	352	5%	21	4%	---	---	529	5%
Other ⁽²⁾	5	*	14	*	---	---	1	25%	20	*
Unspecified as of run-date	76	3%	216	3%	19	4%	2	50%	313	3%
Total	2,601	100%	7,252	100%	499	100%	4	100%	10,356	100%

⁽¹⁾ Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement

⁽²⁾ "Old" taxonomy

**TABLE 8C. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY AGE GROUP AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL:
STATEWIDE FY'2009, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/08)**

Service Plan Goal	Age Group of Consumers										Total No. %	
	(0 - 2 yrs)		(3 - 5 yrs)		(6 - 11 yrs)		(12 - 17 yrs)		18 or older			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Family Reunification	700	20%	431	12%	716	20%	1,643	47%	24	1%	3,514	100%
Adoption	617	26%	545	23%	849	36%	361	15%	2	*	2,374	100%
APPLA ⁽¹⁾	---	---	---	---	7	*	926	40%	1,367	59%	2,300	100%
Permanent Care with Kin	2	*	2	0%	45	6%	599	82%	79	11%	727	100%
Guardianship	21	4%	35	6%	156	27%	333	58%	34	6%	579	100%
Stabilization of Family	49	9%	42	8%	66	12%	311	59%	61	12%	529	100%
Other ⁽²⁾	---	---	---	---	---	---	3	15%	17	85%	20	100%
Unspecified as of run-date	68	22%	25	8%	46	15%	131	42%	43	14%	313	100%
Total	1,457	14%	1,080	10%	1,885	18%	4,307	42%	1,627	16%	10,356	100%

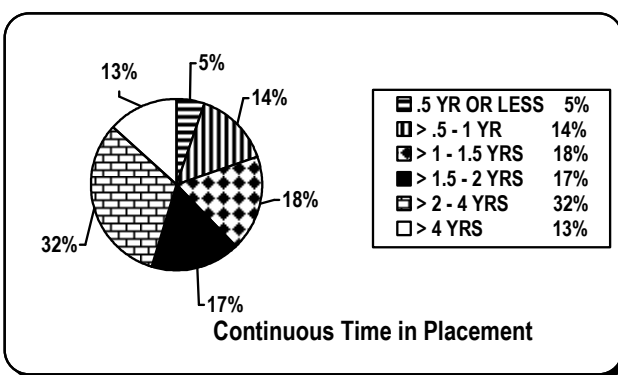
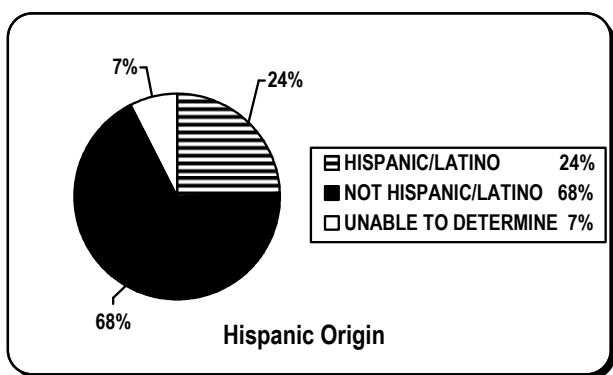
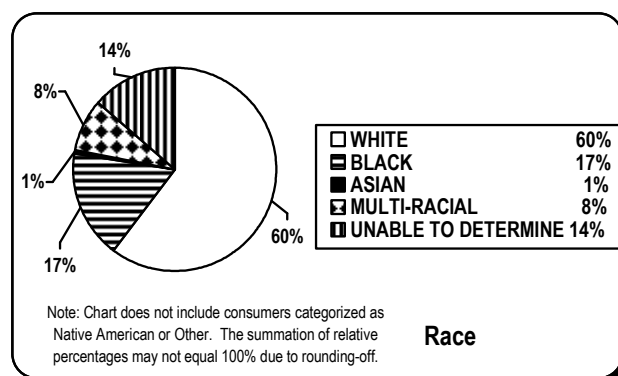
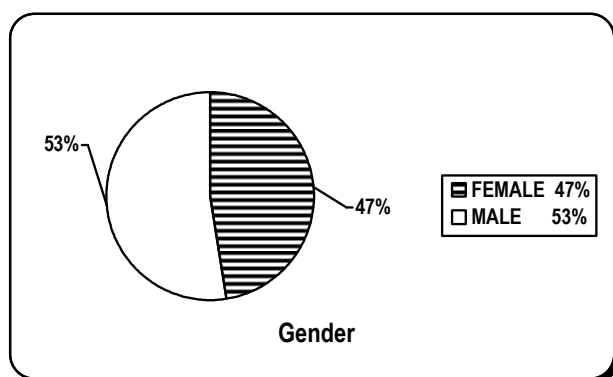
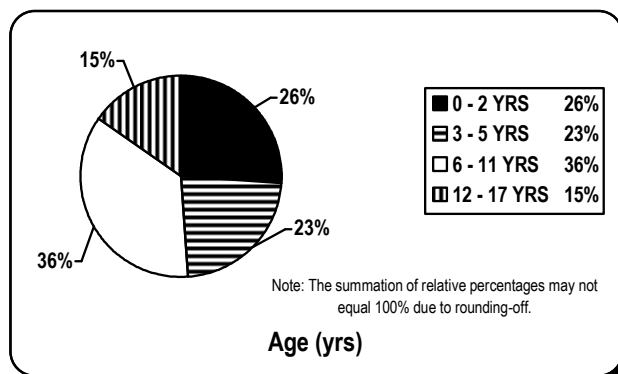
**TABLE 8D. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT BY CONTINUOUS TIME IN PLACEMENT AND SERVICE PLAN GOAL:
STATEWIDE FY'2009, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/08)**

Service Plan Goal	Continuous Time in Placement												Total No. %	
	(.5yr or less)		(> .5 - 1 yr)		(>1 - 1.5 yrs)		(>1.5 - 2 yrs)		(>2 - 4 yrs)		> 4 yrs			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%		
Family Reunification	1,580	45%	1,115	32%	406	12%	188	5%	181	5%	44	1%	3,514	100%
Adoption	124	5%	344	14%	431	18%	399	17%	757	32%	319	13%	2,374	100%
APPLA ⁽¹⁾	174	8%	198	9%	180	8%	195	8%	622	27%	931	40%	2,300	100%
Permanent Care with Kin	49	7%	63	9%	73	10%	69	9%	222	31%	251	35%	727	100%
Guardianship	42	7%	84	15%	105	18%	82	14%	153	26%	113	20%	579	100%
Stabilization of Family	317	60%	78	15%	30	6%	13	2%	55	10%	36	7%	529	100%
Other ⁽²⁾	---	---	---	---	2	10%	2	10%	10	50%	6	100%	20	100%
Unspecified as of run-date	246	79%	16	5%	12	4%	7	2%	21	7%	11	4%	313	100%
Total	2,532	24%	1,898	18%	1,239	12%	955	9%	2,021	20%	1,711	17%	10,356	100%

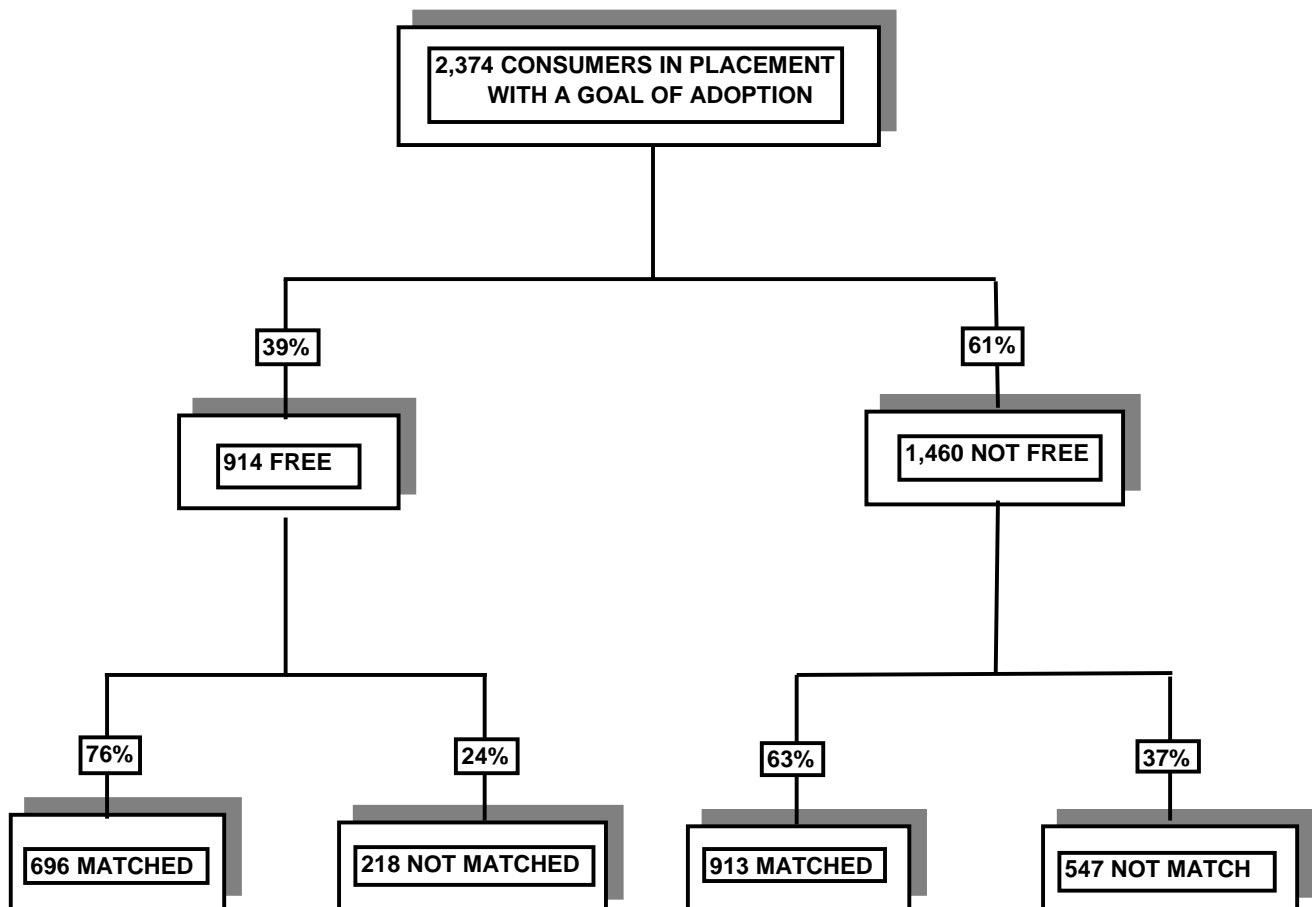
⁽¹⁾ Alternative Planned Permanent Living Arrangement

⁽²⁾ old taxonomy

**FIGURE 12A. AGE, SEX, RACE, HISPANIC ORIGIN AND CONTINUOUS TIME IN PLACEMENT
OF CONSUMERS WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION
FY'2009, END OF 2ND QUARTER (12/31/08)**



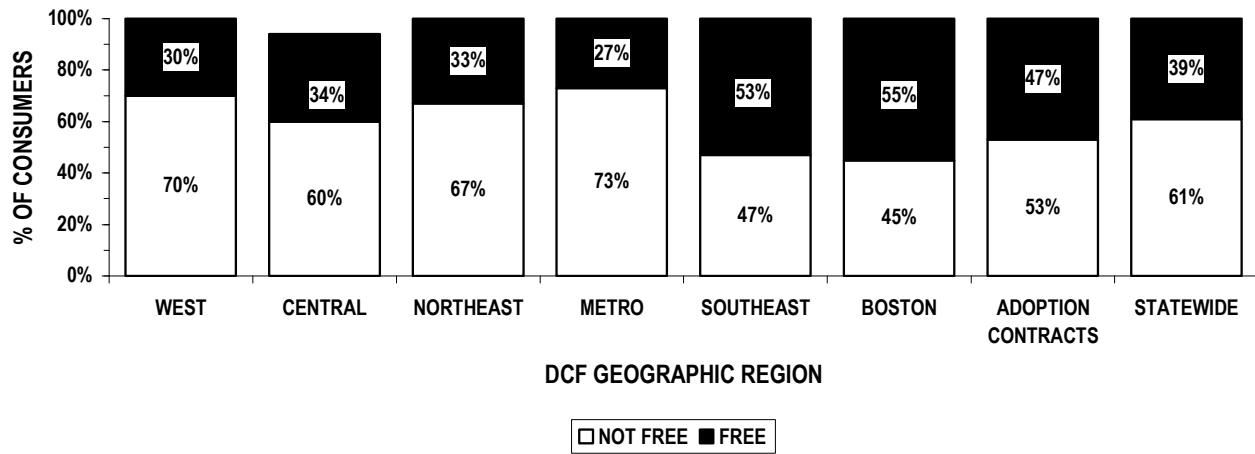
**FIGURE 12B. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION:
LEGAL STATUS AND MATCH STATUS
FY'2009, END OF 2ND QUARTER (12/31/08)**



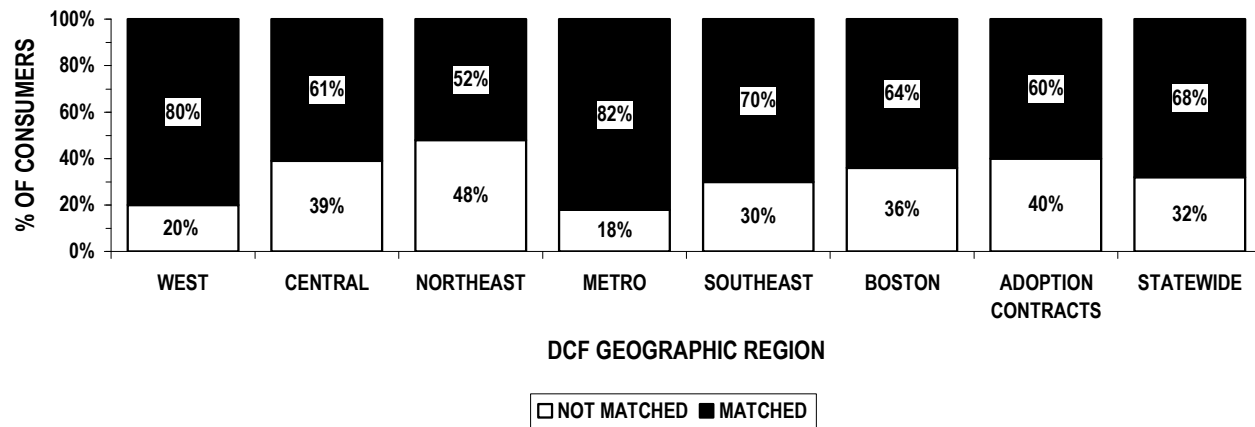
Note: Free = Legally Free for Adoption

Matched = Matched to a Permanent Family

**FIGURE 12C. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION
AND LEGALLY FREED STATUS
FY'09, END OF 2ND QUARTER (12/31/08)**



**FIGURE 12D. CONSUMERS IN PLACEMENT WITH A GOAL OF ADOPTION
AND WHETHER MATCHED TO A PERMANENT FAMILY
FY'09, END OF 2ND QUARTER (12/31/08)**



Case Intakes (Openings)

- Beginning with the 1st Quarter of FY'2007, a programming change was made in order to pick up case openings missed in prior reports (short-term openings and closings within the quarter). Consequently, these intake statistics cannot be compared with quarters prior to the 1st Quarter of FY'2007. Monitoring for trends should begin with the 1st Quarter of FY'2007.
- During the 2nd Quarter of FY'2009, there were 4,329 case openings (unduplicated) and 17,394 consumer openings (unduplicated). Case openings include both new cases and cases that previously had been closed by DCF. Consumers who entered the DCF system during the quarter include both members of new cases and new members of ongoing cases, as well as re-opened consumers (previously opened and closed). (**Tables 9A and 9B** on page 41)
- Eighty-six percent of case intakes and 89% of consumer intakes were due to supported abuse/neglect reports. (**Tables 9A and 9B**)
- Voluntary requests for services accounted for 7% of case intakes and 5% of consumer intakes. (**Tables 9A and 9B**)
- CHINS referrals amounted to 5% of case intakes and 4% of consumer intakes. (**Tables 9A and 9B**) It should be noted that the CHINS consumer counts include CHINS children, adult caretakers, and oftentimes non-CHINS siblings.
- The proportion of case openings by type of intake is presented for each region in Fig. 13. Supported reports accounted for 84-90% of the total intakes for each region. CHINS referrals ranged from 2-8% of the total intakes for each region. Voluntary requests were highest in the Central Region (11%). (**Fig. 13** on page 42, **Table 9A**)
- Counts of CHINS referrals were highest in the West and Boston (47 and 46 case openings, respectively). Voluntary requests were highest in Central (71). Case intakes via supported reports of child maltreatment were most numerous in the West (783) and Southeast (781). (**Table 9A**). The Southeast and West had the highest numbers of supported investigations during the 2nd Quarter of FY'2009 (See **Table 14** on page 53).
- Statewide (and often regionally), case openings are lowest in the 1st quarter. (**Fig. 14** on page 42). This quarterly trend in case openings is driven by reports and investigations. Reports and investigations are lowest in the 1st quarter (summer vacation) then rise during the school year (**Figs. 20 and 21** on page 55).

**TABLE 9A. CASE INTAKES⁽¹⁾ DURING THE QUARTER BY TYPE OF INITIAL CONTACT AND DCF REGION:
FY'2009, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/08 - 12/31/08)**

DCF Geographic Region	Supported CA/N Reports		CHINS Referrals		Voluntary Requests for Services		Other ⁽²⁾		Total No.
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
West	783	90%	47	5%	22	3%	20	2%	872
Central	562	85%	13	2%	71	11%	13	2%	659
Northeast	537	84%	35	5%	41	6%	28	4%	641
Metro	589	88%	22	3%	54	8%	8	1%	673
Southeast	781	85%	42	5%	63	7%	32	3%	918
Boston	497	85%	46	8%	36	6%	9	2%	588
Adoption Contracts ⁽³⁾	---	---	---	---	1	100%	---	---	1
Total	3,749	86%	205	5%	288	7%	110	3%	4,352

⁽¹⁾ Case openings include both new cases and cases that previously had been closed. The total summation for each DCF Region is a duplicated count because some families had more than one case opening in a quarter by more than one type of initial contact. The unduplicated count of total case openings is **4,329**.

⁽²⁾ Includes Court Referral, Institutional Abuse/Neglect, and Other.

⁽³⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

**TABLE 9B. CONSUMER INTAKES⁽¹⁾ DURING THE QUARTER BY TYPE OF INITIAL CONTACT AND DCF REGION:
FY'2009, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/08 - 12/31/08)**

DCF Geographic Region	Supported CA/N Reports		CHINS Referrals		Voluntary Requests for Services		Other ⁽²⁾		Total No.
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
West	3,421	93%	126	3%	78	2%	44	1%	3,669
Central	2,379	88%	40	1%	257	9%	41	2%	2,717
Northeast	2,389	87%	135	5%	124	5%	89	3%	2,737
Metro	2,390	90%	75	3%	178	7%	25	1%	2,668
Southeast	3,436	88%	140	4%	212	5%	110	3%	3,898
Boston	2,105	88%	154	6%	107	4%	29	1%	2,395
Adoption Contracts ⁽³⁾	---	---	---	---	1	100%	---	---	1
Total	16,120	89%	670	4%	957	5%	338	2%	18,085

* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

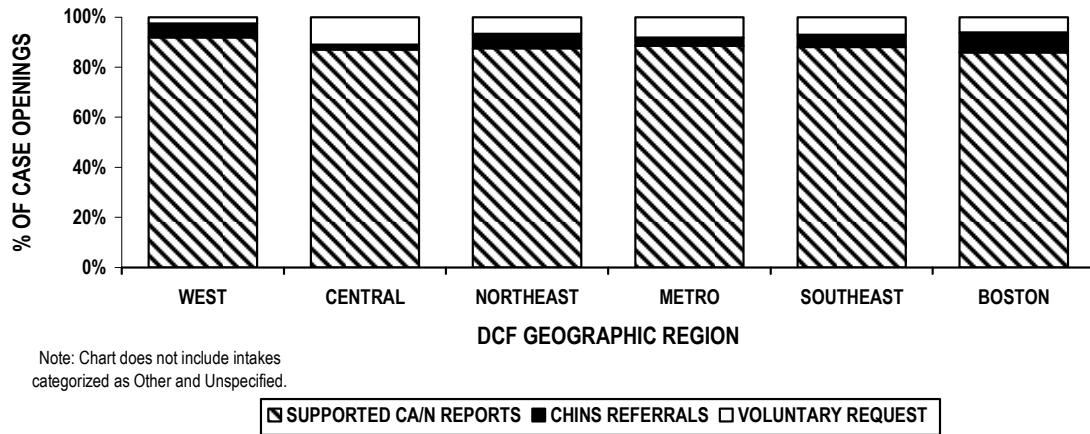
Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

⁽¹⁾ Counts of consumers with case openings or newly added to ongoing cases during the quarter. The total summation for each DCF Region is a duplicated count because some consumers had more than one type of initial contact during the quarter. The unduplicated count of total consumers with case openings or newly added to ongoing cases is **17,394**.

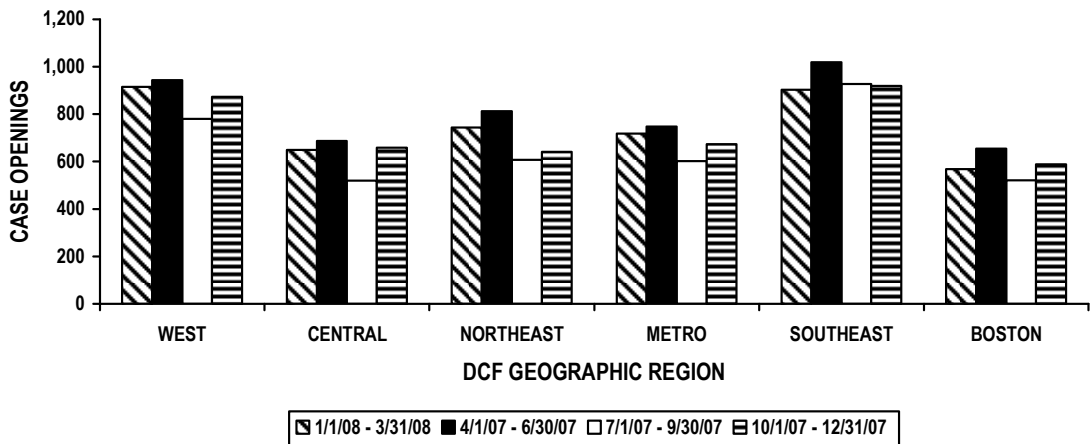
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⁽³⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

**FIGURE 13. REASON FOR CASE OPENINGS BY DCF REGION
FY'2009, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/08 - 12/31/08)**



**FIGURE 14. INTAKES (CASE OPENINGS) BY DCF REGION
(FY'2008, 3RD QUARTER - FY'2009, 2ND QUARTER)**



Consumers Entering and Leaving Placement during the Quarter

- During the 2nd Quarter of FY'2009, 1,939 consumers entered placement and 2,230 consumers left placement.²⁰ These counts of placement dynamics do not include consumers who changed placements during the quarter. (Tables 10 and 11 on page 45)
- There were 1% fewer consumers entering care in the 2nd Quarter of FY'2009 compared to the 1st Quarter of FY'2009.
- The difference in consumers leaving placement during the 1st and 2nd Quarters of FY'2009 was less than 1%.

Entries to Placement

- Of those consumers who entered a placement setting during the 2nd Quarter of FY'2009, 62% were first-time entrants and 38% were re-entrants.²¹ Regionally, the proportion of first-time entrants ranged from 59% in the West to 68% in Central. (Table 10, Fig. 15 on page 46)
- The 1,939 entrants to placement (first-time entrants and re-entrants combined) were distributed across regions as follows: 22% (West), 19% (Southeast), 17% (Northeast), 16% (Central), 14% (Metro), and 12% (Boston). (Table 10)
- Across the state, 71% of all entrants were placed in foster care, 24% were placed in congregate care,²² and 5% were placed in non-referral locations.²³
- Regionally, the proportion of all entrants placed in foster care ranged from 57% in the Northeast to 84% in the West. In contrast, the proportion of all entrants placed in congregate care ranged from 12% in the West to 36% in both the Northeast and Metro. (Table 10, Fig. 16 on page 46)
- Statewide, first-time entrants to placement were more likely than re-entrants to be placed in foster care. Seventy-seven percent of first-time entrants and 60% of re-entrants were placed in foster care. Conversely, 33% of re-entrants and 19% of first-time entrants were placed in congregate care. (Table 10)

²⁰ For individuals with multiple entries and exits during the quarter, only the first entry and last exit were selected.

²¹ Re-entrants are consumers who had been in placement at some point in the past.

²² Congregate Care includes group home, residential treatment, and short-term residential placement.

²³ Non-referral locations include hospitals, nursing homes, and placements supervised by other state agencies.

Exits from Placement

- Statewide, 63% of the consumers leaving a placement setting were returned home. The proportion returned home ranged from 54% in Boston to 69% in the Northeast. **(Table 11)**
- Statewide, 12% of consumers leaving placement were adopted, 10% were emancipated, and 6% were granted guardianships. **(Table 11)**
- Regionally, the proportion of consumers leaving placement who were adopted ranged from 8% in the Northeast to 16% in Central. The proportion emancipated ranged from 8% in Central to 12% in both the Northeast and Metro. The proportion granted guardianships ranged from 4% in the West, Southeast, and Northeast to 14% in Boston. **(Table 11)**

**TABLE 10. CONSUMERS ENTERING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER BY DCF REGION:
FY'2009, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/08 - 12/31/08)**

Entry Type: Placement Location Started	DCF Geographic Region							Total
	West	Central	Northeast	Metro	Southeast	Boston	Other ⁽¹⁾	
First-Time Entrants:	255	209	197	173	224	147	2	1,207
Foster Care	223	181	139	114	158	115	2	932
Congregate Care	24	21	48	52	60	27	---	232
Non-Referral Location ⁽²⁾	8	7	10	7	6	5	---	43
Re-Entrants:	180	97	132	91	138	94	---	732
Foster Care	141	67	50	44	81	55	---	438
Congregate Care	27	24	70	43	49	26	---	239
Non-Referral Location ⁽²⁾	12	6	12	4	8	13	---	55
Total	435	306	329	264	362	241	2	1,939

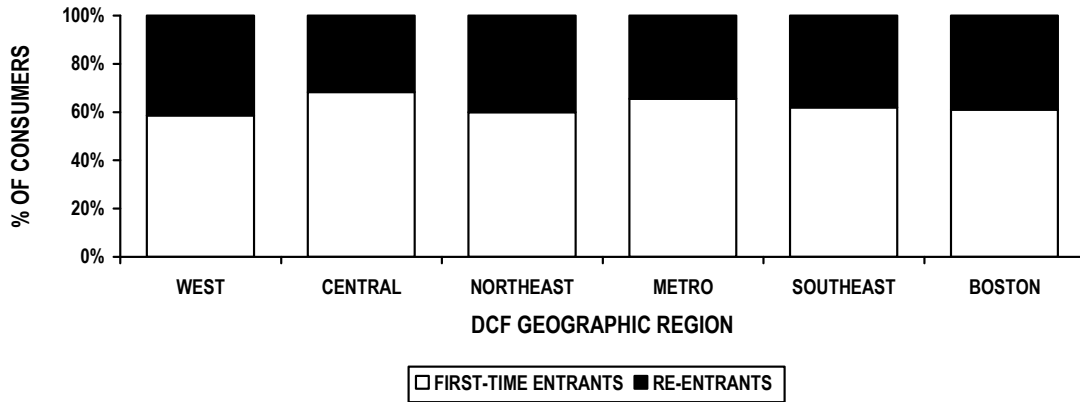
⁽¹⁾ Includes primarily families served through Central Office contracts.

⁽²⁾ Includes hospitals and other state agencies.

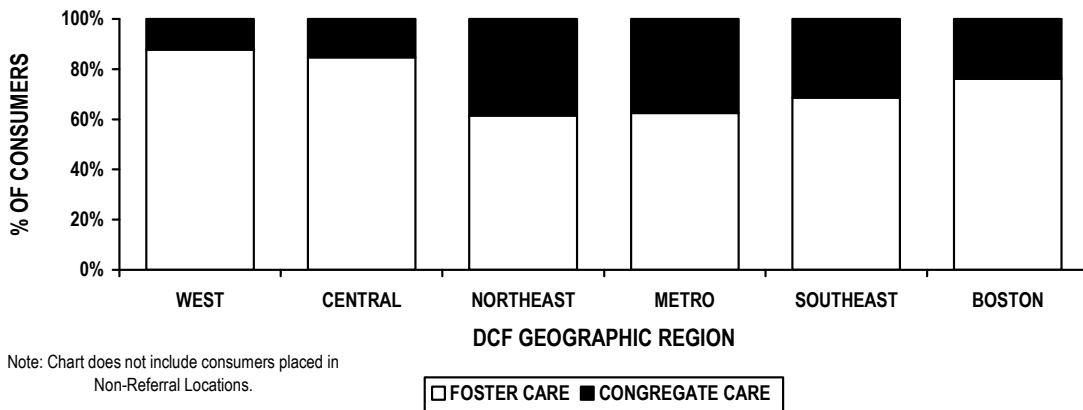
**TABLE 11. CONSUMERS LEAVING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER BY DCF REGION:
FY'2009, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/08 - 12/31/08)**

Reason Placement Ended	DCF Geographic Region							Total
	West	Central	Northeast	Metro	Southeast	Boston	Other ⁽¹⁾	
Child Returned Home	314	198	271	199	281	136	1	1,400
Consumer Adopted	67	50	33	29	60	23	---	262
Child 18 or Older	48	25	46	38	40	26	1	224
Guardianship	20	18	16	28	19	34	---	135
Custody to Other Individual	32	10	16	24	11	17	1	111
Custody to Other Agency	2	1	2	1	3	1	---	10
Consumer Deceased	---	---	---	---	1	1	---	2
Custody to Other Individual or Agency	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	1
Unspecified	18	18	11	8	17	12	1	85
Total	502	320	395	327	432	250	4	2,230

**FIGURE 15. CONSUMERS ENTERING PLACEMENT
DURING THE QUARTER (FIRST-TIME ENTRANTS AND RE-ENTRANTS)
FY'2009, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/08 - 12/31/08)**

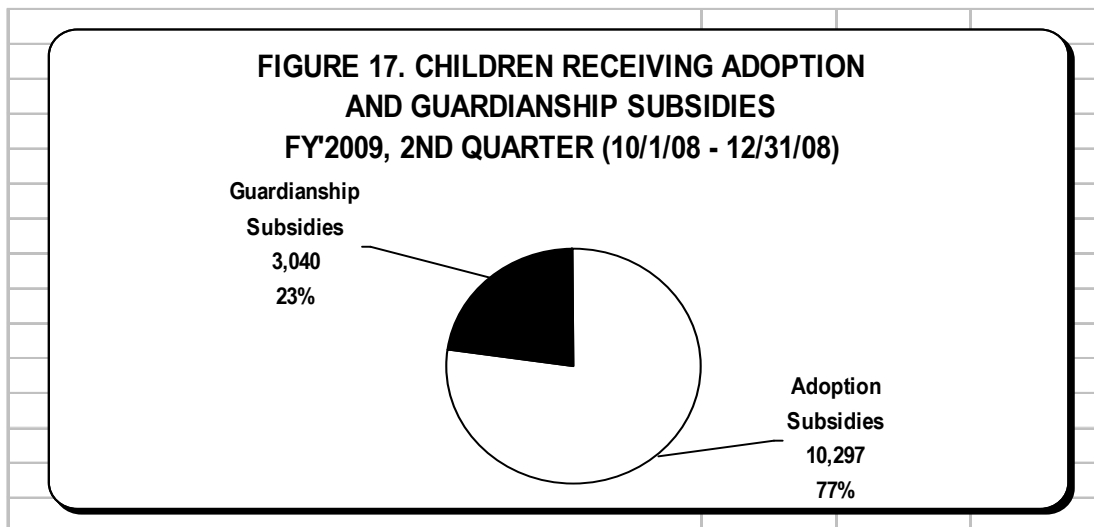


**FIGURE 16. ALL CONSUMERS ENTERING PLACEMENT DURING THE QUARTER
TO FOSTER AND CONGREGATE CARE
FY'2009, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/08 - 12/31/08)**



Adoption and Guardianship Subsidies

- At the end of the 2nd Quarter of FY'2009, the total number of children receiving adoption subsidies was 10,297. Guardianship subsidies totaled 3,040. (**Fig. 17**)



From the 1st Quarter to the 2nd Quarter of FY'2009, adoption subsidies declined 3% and guardianship subsidies decreased 4%. Typically, adoption subsidies increase about 1% each quarter while guardianship subsidies mostly fluctuate around 1-2% (See table below). The declines in adoption and guardianship subsidies during the 1st Quarter of FY'2007 and the 2nd Quarter of FY'2009 resulted from a clean up of service referrals—a closing of service referrals that were not actively paying out.

		Subsidies (Active Service Referrals)			
		Adoption		Guardianship	
Quarter		No.	Quarterly Change	No.	Quarterly Change
FY'2006	1 st	10,113	*	3,073	*
	2 nd	10,224	1%	3,098	1%
	3 rd	10,322	1%	3,119	1%
	4 th	10,463	1%	3,115	*
FY'2007	1 st	10,149	-3%	3,017	-3%
	2 nd	10,190	*	2,967	-2%
	3 rd	10,287	1%	3,019	2%
	4 th	10,184	-1%	3,016	*
FY'2008	1 st	10,312	1%	3,046	1%
	2 nd	10,386	1%	3,022	-1%
	3 rd	10,461	1%	3,074	2%
	4 th	10,517	1%	3,133	2%
FY,2009	1 st	10,567	*	3,178	1%
	2 nd	10,297	-3%	3,040	-4%

* = less than 1% after rounding-off

Foster Homes²⁴

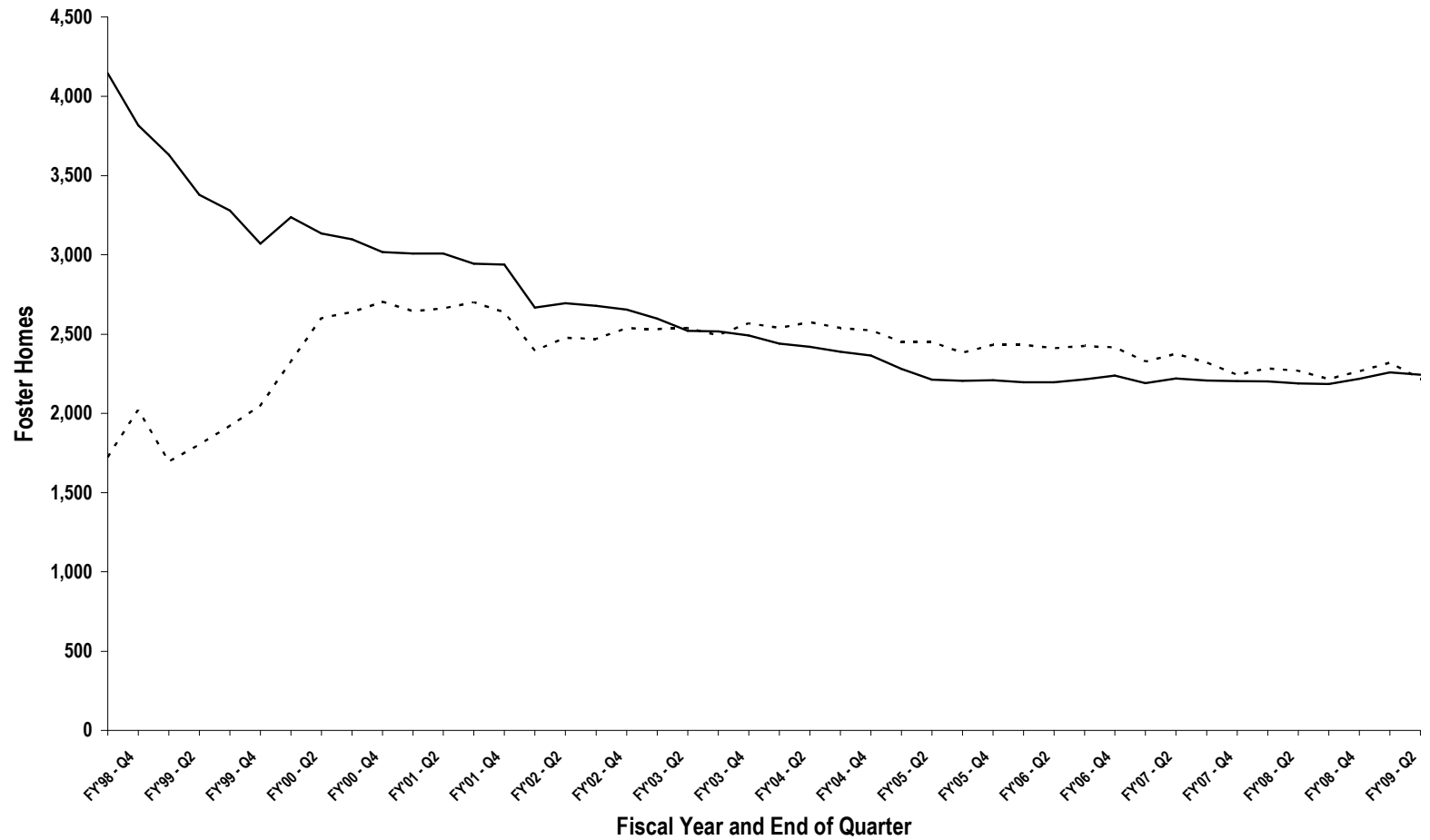
- At the end of the 2nd Quarter of FY'2009, there were 4,460 foster homes under the direct supervision of DCF. Included in this total are kinship and child-specific (restricted) homes²⁵ as well as unrestricted homes.²⁶ There was a nearly equal number of restricted (2,215) and unrestricted (2,245) foster homes. (**Table 12A** on page 50)
- At the end of the 3rd Quarter of FY'1998, 29% of all DCF foster homes were restricted homes. Restricted homes as a proportion of all foster homes gradually reached a level of 52% in the 2nd Quarter of FY'2004. Restricted homes remained at 52-53% until the 3rd Quarter of FY'2007. From the 3rd Quarter of FY'2007 through the 2nd Quarter of FY'2009, the proportion of restricted homes fluctuated between 50% and 51%. (**See graph** on next page)
- Statewide, 79% of foster parents in unrestricted homes were White and 62% were married. (**Table 12A, Table 12C** on page 51)
- Statewide, 72% of the foster parents in restricted homes were White and 52% were married. (**Tables 12A and 12C**)
- Twelve percent (542) of all foster homes were identified as Black (273 restricted and 269 unrestricted). (**Table 12A**)
- Fifteen percent (664) of all foster homes were identified as Hispanic/Latino (319 restricted and 345 unrestricted). (**Table 12B** on page 50)

²⁴ Foster homes provide formal, temporary out-of-home placement to children who are in the care and custody of DCF. Foster families may be related or unrelated to the child.

²⁵ Child-specific and kinship placements occur (1) when a court orders a child to be placed in a specific foster home; or (2) when a child requires placement and the child or his/her parent(s) has proposed another home in which the child can be placed; or (3) when DCF places a child with relatives or with a caregiver who is known to the child's family. Placements in kinship and child-specific homes are limited to specified children.

²⁶ Unrestricted placements are those where DCF places a child with a non-relative foster family. Unlike restricted homes (child specific and kinship), the unrestricted home is not limited to a particular child.

RESTRICTED AND UNRESTRICTED FOSTER HOMES*
END OF 3RD QUARTER OF FY'1998 (3/31/98) TO END OF 2ND QUARTER OF FY'2009 (12/31/08)



* Includes kinship and child specific (restricted) homes as well as unrestricted homes.

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TABLE 12A. PROFILE OF FOSTER HOMES BY RACE AND DCF REGION: FY'2009, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/08)

	DCF Geographic Region															
Provider Status	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		Adoption Contracts ¹		Total	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Restricted:	437		371		373		293		520		188		33		2,215	
White	366	84%	230	62%	273	73%	223	76%	423	81%	60	32%	20	61%	1,595	72%
Black	42	10%	19	5%	25	7%	32	11%	53	10%	95	51%	7	21%	273	12%
Asian	---	---	3	1%	13	3%	1	*	1	*	---	---	1	3%	19	1%
Native American	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	5	1%	---	---	---	---	5	*
Other ²	---	---	2	1%	---	---	---	---	1	*	---	---	---	---	3	*
Multi-Racial	3	1%	---	---	4	1%	1	*	2	*	1	1%	---	---	11	*
Unable to Determine ³	20	5%	112	30%	51	14%	30	10%	27	5%	31	16%	4	12%	275	12%
Missing	6	1%	5	1%	7	2%	6	2%	8	2%	1	1%	1	3%	34	2%
Unrestricted:	496		327		268		327		507		196		124		2,245	
White	402	81%	272	83%	222	83%	283	87%	411	81%	68	35%	117	94%	1,775	79%
Black	52	10%	14	4%	11	4%	38	12%	44	9%	106	54%	4	3%	269	12%
Asian	2	*	---	---	10	4%	---	---	1	*	1	1%	1	1%	15	1%
Native American	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	*	5	1%	---	---	---	---	6	*
Other ²	1	*	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	1	*
Multi-Racial	20	4%	2	1%	6	2%	1	*	2	*	1	1%	1	1%	33	1%
Unable to Determine ³	19	4%	39	12%	17	6%	4	1%	44	9%	20	10%	1	1%	144	6%
Unknown	---	---	---	---	2	1%	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	2	*
Total	933		698		641		620		1,027		384		157		4,460	

¹ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

² Includes Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islanders.

³ Unable to Determine is the category used when an individual does not know or declines to disclose his/her race.

TABLE 12B. PROFILE OF FOSTER HOMES BY HISPANIC ORIGIN AND DCF REGION: FY'2009, End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/08)

DCF Geographic Region														Adoption Contracts ¹		Total	
Provider Status	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston		No.	%	No.	%	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Restricted:	437		371		373		293		520		188		33		2,215		
Hispanic/Latino	67	15%	65	18%	80	21%	22	8%	34	7%	45	24%	6	18%	319	14%	
Not Hispanic/Latino	356	81%	222	60%	268	72%	253	86%	461	89%	138	73%	25	76%	1,723	78%	
Unable to Determine ²	8	2%	81	22%	20	5%	12	4%	13	3%	4	2%	1	3%	139	6%	
Missing	6	2%	3	1%	5	2%	6	2%	12	3%	1	1%	1	4%	34	2%	
Unrestricted:	496		327		268		327		507		196		124		2,245		
Hispanic/Latino	113	23%	52	16%	67	25%	13	4%	58	11%	38	19%	4	3%	345	15%	
Not Hispanic/Latino	382	77%	267	82%	193	72%	307	94%	430	85%	157	80%	119	96%	1,855	83%	
Unable to Determine ²	1	*	8	2%	6	2%	7	2%	18	4%	1	1%	1	1%	42	2%	
Unknown	---	---	---	---	2	1%	---	---	1	*	---	---	---	---	3	*	
Total	933		698		641		620		1,027		384		157		4,460		

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

¹ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

² Unable to Determine is the category used when an individual does not know or declines to disclose his/her Hispanic origin.

TABLE 12C. PROFILE OF FOSTER HOMES BY MARITAL STATUS AND DCF REGION: FY'2009. End of 2ND QUARTER (12/31/08) ⁽¹⁾

DCF Geographic Region														Adoption Contracts ⁽²⁾		Total	
Provider Status	West		Central		Northeast		Metro		Southeast		Boston						
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
Restricted:	437		371		373		293		520		188		33		2,215		
Married	253	58%	202	54%	192	51%	147	50%	289	56%	45	24%	13	39%	1,141	52%	
Single	100	23%	103	28%	90	24%	85	29%	122	23%	109	58%	14	42%	623	28%	
Divorced	55	13%	41	11%	52	14%	28	10%	55	11%	16	9%	5	15%	252	11%	
Widowed	9	2%	13	4%	22	6%	14	5%	26	5%	8	4%	1	3%	93	4%	
Separated	17	4%	6	2%	13	3%	10	3%	19	4%	9	5%	---	---	74	3%	
Unspecified	3	1%	6	2%	4	1%	9	3%	9	2%	1	1%	---	---	32	1%	
Unrestricted:	496		327		268		327		507		196		124		2,245		
Married	304	61%	237	72%	159	59%	222	68%	323	64%	62	32%	90	73%	1,397	62%	
Single	94	19%	48	15%	58	22%	68	21%	89	18%	90	46%	30	24%	477	21%	
Divorced	62	13%	33	10%	36	13%	26	8%	68	13%	27	14%	4	3%	256	11%	
Widowed	18	4%	2	1%	8	3%	5	2%	18	4%	8	4%	---	---	59	3%	
Separated	17	3%	7	2%	5	2%	6	2%	9	2%	9	5%	---	---	53	2%	
Unspecified	1	*	---	---	2	1%	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	3	*	
Total	933		698		641		620		1,027		384		157		4,460		

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

⁽¹⁾ Includes kinship and child specific (restricted) homes as well as unrestricted homes.

⁽²⁾ Licensed private adoption agencies that contract with DCF to provide case management services.

Child Maltreatment Reports, Investigations, and DA Referrals

Reports

- Statewide, 19,120 reports were recorded during the 2nd Quarter of FY'2009. Sixty-six percent of the reports were screened-in for investigation. Seven percent of all reports were screened-in as emergencies. (**Table 13** on page 53)
- Among regions, reports of child maltreatment were most numerous in the West (3,666) and Southeast (2,851). The Judge Baker Children's Center (hotline) recorded 4,645 reports. Regional screen-in rates ranged from 58% in Metro to 73% in Boston. The screen-in rate at the Judge Baker Children's Center was 70%. (**Table 13, Fig. 18** on page 54)
- The DCF Regions screened-in 1-5% of all reports as emergencies. In contrast, emergency screen-ins accounted for 23% of the reports received by the Judge Baker Children's Center Hotline. (**Table 13**)
- Statewide, reports rose 4% from the 1st Quarter to the 2nd Quarter of FY'2009. Regional changes ranged from 5% in both the West and Central to 24% in Metro. Typically, report counts decline during the summer quarter (Q1) then rise during the school year quarters (Q2-Q4). (**Fig. 20** on page 55)

Investigations

- The number of investigations completed during the 2nd Quarter of FY'2009 was 11,439.²⁷ Fifty-six percent of the investigations resulted in supported allegations of maltreatment. (**Table 14** on page 53)
- The Southeast and West conducted more investigations (2,299 and 2,187, respectively) than the other regions. Regional support rates went from a low of 52% in the Northeast to a high of 58% in both the West and Central. Judge Baker staff achieved the highest support rate: 76% of the completed investigations (all emergencies) were supported. (**Table 14, Fig. 19** on page 54)
- Statewide, investigations increased 10% from the 1st Quarter to the 2nd Quarter of FY'2009. Over the same period, regional changes in investigations ranged from 8% in the Southeast to 24% in and Metro. (**Fig. 21** on page 55)

²⁷ The number of investigations is lower than the number of screened-in reports. This occurs because an investigation may be associated to multiple reports on the same incident or by reports received on separate but closely occurring incidents.

TABLE 13. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS BY DCF REGION: FY'2009, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/08 - 12/31/08)

DCF Geographic Region	Screening Decision						Total	
	Screened Out		Screened-In					
			Non-Emergency		Emergency			
No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
West	1,412	39%	2,226	61%	28	1%	3,666	19%
Central	695	33%	1,313	63%	86	4%	2,094	11%
Northeast	766	35%	1,389	63%	56	3%	2,211	12%
Metro	893	43%	1,170	56%	32	2%	2,095	11%
Southeast	844	30%	1,926	68%	81	3%	2,851	15%
Boston	411	27%	1,043	68%	78	5%	1,532	8%
Judge Baker Children's Center	1,389	30%	2,200	47%	1,056	23%	4,645	24%
Special Investigations	4	15%	22	85%	---	---	26	*
Total	6,414	34%	11,289	59%	1,417	7%	19,120	100%

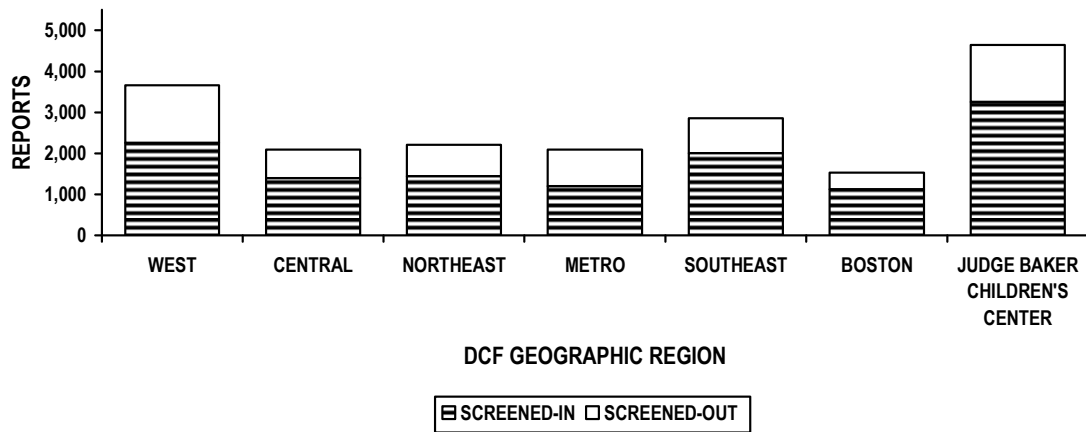
* = Less than 1% after rounding-off

TABLE 14. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS BY DCF REGION: FY'2009, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/08 - 12/31/08)

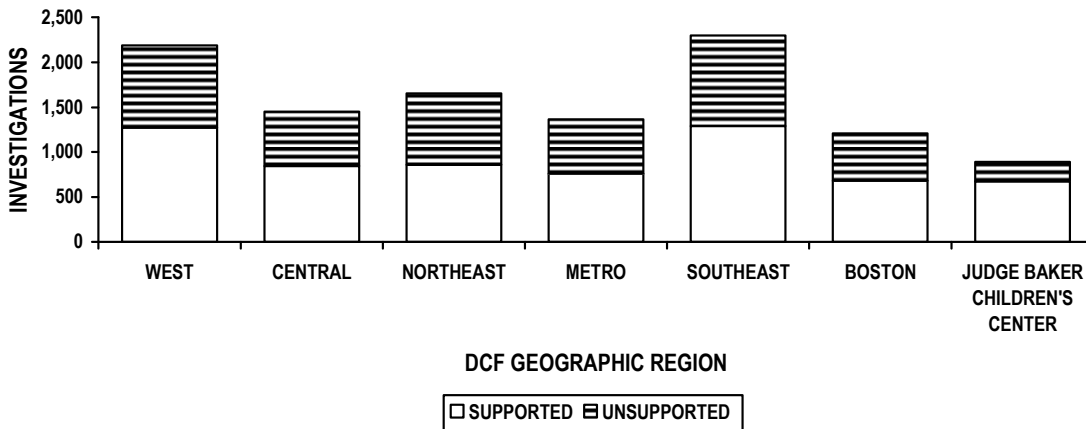
DCF Geographic Region	Investigation Decision				Total	
	Supported		Unsupported			
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
West	1,272	58%	915	42%	2,187	19%
Central	847	58%	604	42%	1,451	13%
Northeast	860	52%	795	48%	1,655	14%
Metro	757	55%	609	45%	1,366	12%
Southeast	1,292	56%	1,007	44%	2,299	20%
Boston	684	57%	525	43%	1,209	11%
Judge Baker Children's Center	674	76%	218	24%	892	8%
Special Investigations	69	18%	311	82%	380	3%
Total	6,455	56%	4,984	44%	11,439	100%

Note: The summation of relative percentages may not equal 100% due to rounding-off.

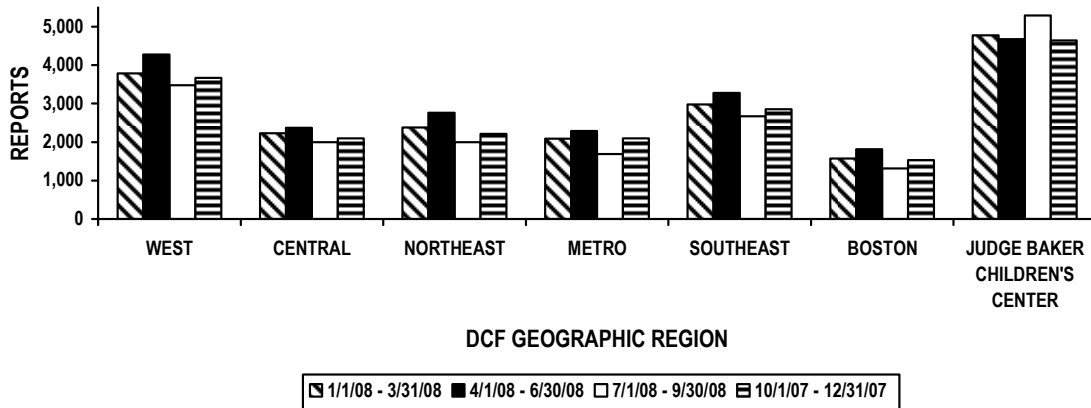
**FIGURE 18. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS
(SCREENING DECISION BY DCF REGION)
FY'2009, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/08 - 12/31/08)**



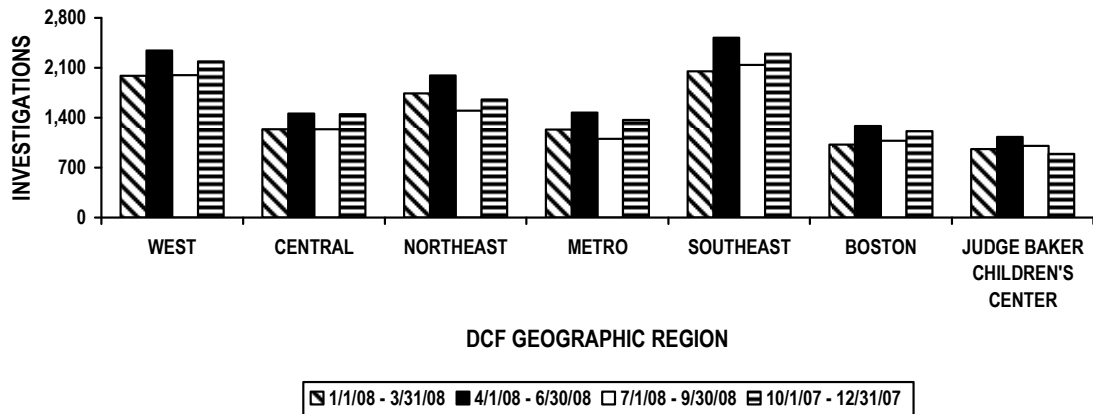
**FIGURE 19. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS
(INVESTIGATION DECISION BY DCF REGION)
FY'2009, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/08 - 12/31/08)**



**FIGURE 20. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT REPORTS BY DCF REGION
(FY'2008, 3RD QUARTER - FY'2009, 2ND QUARTER)**



**FIGURE 21. CHILD ABUSE/NEGLECT INVESTIGATIONS BY DCF REGION
(FY'2008, 3RD QUARTER - FY'2009, 2ND QUARTER)**



DA Referrals

- During the 2nd Quarter of FY'2009, 1,450 cases were referred to District Attorneys (DAs) (See table below). Fifty-one percent of case referrals to DAs were mandatory referrals²⁸ and 49% were discretionary referrals²⁹ (**Fig. 22** on page 59). The annual proportion of mandatory referrals has risen the past two fiscal years (See table below).

Case Referrals*

Time Period	Mandatory		Discretionary		Total
	No.	%	No.	%	No.
FY'03 Total	2,089	47%	2,310	53%	4,399
FY'04, Q1	527	52%	489	48%	1,016
FY'04, Q2	489	45%	586	55%	1,075
FY'04, Q3	527	45%	655	55%	1,182
FY'04, Q4	558	45%	669	55%	1,227
FY'04 Total	2,101	47%	2,399	53%	4,500
FY'05, Q1	500	49%	518	51%	1,018
FY'05, Q2	500	45%	603	55%	1,103
FY'05, Q3	575	47%	637	53%	1,212
FY'05, Q4	547	44%	701	56%	1,248
FY'05 Total	2,122	46%	2,459	54%	4,581
FY'06, Q1	490	44%	614	56%	1,104
FY'06, Q2	509	44%	659	56%	1,168
FY'06, Q3	518	44%	651	56%	1,169
FY'06, Q4	560	43%	742	57%	1,302
FY'06 Total	2,077	44%	2,666	56%	4,743
FY'07, Q1	532	49%	554	51%	1,086
FY'07, Q2	577	49%	606	51%	1,183
FY'07, Q3	559	47%	626	53%	1,185
FY'07, Q4	611	49%	645	51%	1,256
FY'07 Total	2,279	48%	2,431	52%	4,710
FY'08, Q1	538	46%	631	54%	1,169
FY'08, Q2	596	50%	595	50%	1,191
FY'08, Q3	656	49%	691	51%	1,347
FY'08, Q4	771	51%	735	49%	1,506
FY'08 Total	2,561	49%	2,652	51%	5,213
FY'09, Q1	676	52%	631	48%	1,307
FY'09, Q2	740	51%	710	49%	1,450

* DA referrals approved during the Quarter.

²⁸ Mandatory referrals to District Attorneys (and local law enforcement authorities) are made following a DCF investigation that results in a supported report of severe child maltreatment (sexual abuse, severe physical abuse, or death). Mandatory referrals are also made when a maltreatment report is either screened-out or unsupported, on the basis that the alleged perpetrator did not meet the definition of caretaker, but the allegations match one of the aforementioned maltreatment categories.

²⁹ There are two categories of discretionary referrals: (1) DCF may immediately report cases of serious physical injury to the District Attorney; or (2) DCF may refer other matters involving possible criminal conduct (including but not limited to cases of abuse or neglect) to the District Attorney, regardless of whether the maltreatment report is supported or unsupported.

- Sexual abuse accounted for 82% of the reasons for mandatory case referrals³⁰ during the 2nd Quarter of FY'2009 (**Fig. 23** on page 59, **Table 15** on page 60). Seventeen percent of the case referral reasons were for serious physical abuse.

Reasons for Mandatory Referrals

<i>Time Period</i>	Sexual Abuse		Physical Abuse		<i>Death</i> ³¹		Total
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.
FY'03 Total	1,688	78%	461	21%	19	1%	2,168
FY'04, Q1	459	83%	87	16%	9	2%	555
FY'04, Q2	385	76%	114	23%	5	1%	504
FY'04, Q3	414	76%	127	23%	6	1%	547
FY'04, Q4	455	78%	122	21%	6	1%	583
FY'04 Total	1,713	78%	450	21%	26	1%	2,189
FY'05, Q1	412	80%	97	19%	4	1%	513
FY'05, Q2	398	77%	113	22%	5	1%	516
FY'05, Q3	461	79%	124	21%	2	*	587
FY'05, Q4	444	78%	122	21%	2	*	568
FY'05 Total	1,715	79%	456	21%	13	1%	2,184
FY'06, Q1	432	86%	66	13%	5	1%	503
FY'06, Q2	432	81%	99	19%	3	1%	534
FY'06, Q3	445	83%	82	15%	7	1%	534
FY'06, Q4	473	82%	95	16%	11	2%	579
FY'06 Total	1,782	83%	342	16%	26	1%	2,150
FY'07, Q1	472	85%	78	14%	7	1%	557
FY'07, Q2	503	84%	90	15%	5	1%	598
FY'07, Q3	473	82%	93	16%	10	2%	576
FY'07, Q4	487	78%	129	21%	9	1%	625
FY'07 Total	1,935	82%	390	17%	31	1%	2,356
FY'08, Q1	443	78%	114	20%	11	2%	568
FY'08, Q2	470	77%	130	21%	11	2%	611
FY'08, Q3	534	79%	127	19%	11	2%	672
FY'08, Q4	602	76%	181	23%	5	1%	788
FY'08 Total	2,049	78%	552	21%	38	1%	2,639
FY'09, Q1	569	81%	127	18%	7	1%	703
FY'09, Q2	629	82%	130	17%	7	1%	766

* = less than 1% after rounding-off

³⁰ **A mandatory case referral may include more than one reason** (i.e., more than one type of abuse).

³¹ Not all DA referrals resulting from an allegation that a child's death was due to abuse or neglect lead to an ultimate finding that the death was in fact due to abuse or neglect. **DCF publishes an annual report of child fatalities that includes an analysis of child deaths due to abuse or neglect.**

- Table 16 (on page 60) displays a breakdown of case referrals by type and child's county of residence. In general, referral counts were highest for the most populous counties, Essex, Suffolk, Middlesex, and Worcester. Based on a comparison of county estimates³² for children less than 18 years old, Norfolk County had a lower number of referrals than expected while Berkshire and Hampden (encompasses the city of Springfield) had higher numbers of referrals than expected.
- Table 17 (on page 60) shows mandatory case referral reasons and child's county of residence. Worcester, Essex, Suffolk, and Middlesex Counties accounted for 64% of the mandatory case referrals for sexual abuse (includes sexual assault and sexual exploitation). The same four counties accounted for 76% of the mandatory case referrals for serious physical abuse.

³² U.S. Census Bureau: 2006 American Community Survey, Data Profile Highlights for Counties in Massachusetts (factfinder.census.gov/home/saff/main.html?_lang=en)

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FIGURE 22. TYPE OF CASE REFERRAL (Case Count)

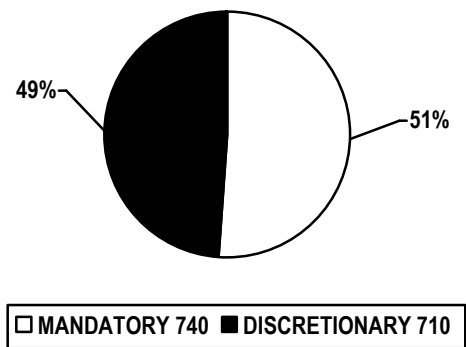
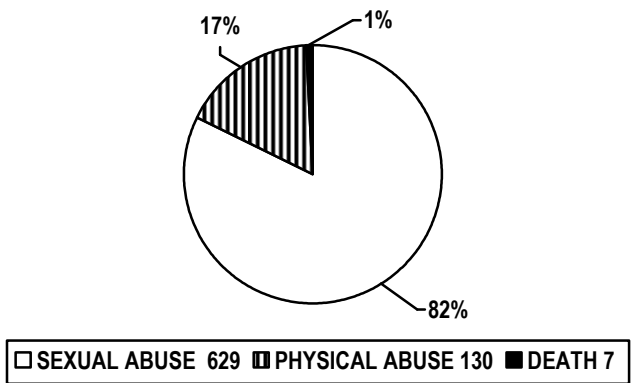


FIGURE 23. REASON FOR MANDATORY REFERRALS (Reason Count)



NOTE: A case referral may include more than one reason (more than one type of maltreatment).

**TABLE 15. REASONS FOR MANDATORY CASE REFERRALS TO DISTRICT ATTORNEYS: ⁽¹⁾
FY'2009, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/08 - 12/31/08)**

Nature of Abuse	Reasons ⁽¹⁾	
	No.	%
Sexual Abuse:	629	82%
Sexual Assault	599	
Sexual Exploitation	30	
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Serious Physical Abuse:	130	17%
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Death:	7	1%
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Total Reasons for Mandatory Referrals	766	100%

TABLE 16. CASE REFERRALS BY TYPE AND COUNTY: FY'2009, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/08 - 12/31/08)

County ⁽²⁾	Case Referrals				Total No.	2006 Children Under 18 years old (estimates)
	Discretionary		Mandatory			
	No.	%	No.	%		
Essex	102	37%	172	63%	274	176,236
Suffolk	151	62%	93	38%	244	140,437
Middlesex	144	63%	85	37%	229	323,225
Worcester	70	33%	141	67%	211	188,163
Hampden	68	52%	64	48%	132	111,071
Bristol	28	36%	50	64%	78	125,467
Berkshire	22	29%	53	71%	75	25,778
Norfolk	48	68%	23	32%	71	150,875
Plymouth	47	76%	15	24%	62	121,754
Barnstable	18	62%	11	38%	29	40,209
Franklin	3	13%	21	88%	24	14,445
Hampshire	3	30%	7	70%	10	25,751
Dukes	1	100%	---	---	1	3,398
Nantucket	---	---	---	---	---	1,828
OUT OF STATE	5	50%	5	50%	10	---
Total	710		740		1,450	

**TABLE 17. MANDATORY CASE REFERRAL REASONS BY COUNTY: ⁽¹⁾
FY'2009, 2ND QUARTER (10/1/08 - 12/31/08)**

County ⁽²⁾	Reasons for Mandatory Case Referrals ⁽¹⁾				Total No.
	Sexual Assault	Sexual Exploitation	Serious Physical Abuse/Injury	Death	
	No.	No.	No.	No.	
Essex	122	4	49	---	175
Worcester	126	5	14	---	145
Suffolk	70	2	24	---	96
Middlesex	70	1	12	3	86
Hampden	55	5	7	1	68
Berkshire	47	5	5	1	58
Bristol	42	5	7	---	54
Norfolk	15	2	6	1	24
Franklin	19	---	2	---	21
Plymouth	12	---	3	1	16
Barnstable	9	1	1	---	11
Hampshire	7	---	---	---	7
Dukes	---	---	---	---	---
Nantucket	---	---	---	---	---
OUT OF STATE	5	---	---	---	5
Total:	599	30	130	7	766

⁽¹⁾ A mandatory case referral may include more than one reason (i.e., more than one type of abuse).

⁽²⁾ County where the child resides.